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## National Park Service Beach Access Report for March 26, 2009

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 26, 2009  
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Welcome to the first weekly Beach Access Report of the 2009 season for Cape Hatteras National Seashore! Seashore beaches will be managed again this summer under the terms of the U.S. District Court approved consent decree. Park visitors can expect to see resource closures for breeding shorebirds in effect to varying degrees from mid-March to mid-to-late-August and turtle nesting closures may occur until early November. Shorebird prenesting closures have already been established at the inlets, Cape Point, and South Beach. As soon as subsequent breeding activity is observed, the consent decree requires that automatic, non-discretionary buffers be implemented.

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### **Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27; 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline)**

#### **Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area) (1.2 miles)**

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access, but not for ORV access.

- An ORV SAFETY closure is 1.2 miles long.

#### **Ramp 2 - Ramp 4 (2.4 miles)**

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

#### **Ramp 4 – Oregon Inlet (Bodie Island Spit: 2.1 miles)**

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 1.3 miles south of Ramp 4. The inlet shoreline south/west of the closure, outside of the prenesting area, remains open for boat landing/pedestrian access.

- **March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.3 miles south of Ramp 4 along the ocean shoreline, as a result of observed piping plover breeding behavior.**
- A RESOURCE protection area (prenesting area) was established on March 11, 2009. It included interior areas of the spit and the “pond” shoreline and allowed an ORV access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline to a point 1.4 miles south of Ramp 4 and pedestrian access to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access in the RESOURCE protection area.

**Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo:** (Pea Island NWR boundary to Ramp 23 - 3.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

**Ramp 23 - Ramp 27:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

**Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet; 31.9 miles of ocean shoreline)**

**Ramp 27 - Ramp 30:** (2.1 miles)

Current Status: Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 27 south for 0.9 of a mile or 1.1 miles north of Ramp 30.

- **March 25, 2009 – A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.1 miles north of Ramp 30 as a result of observed American Oystercatcher breeding behavior.**

**Ramp 30 - Ramp 34:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

**Ramp 34 - Ramp 38:** (3.9 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 34 to 0.2 miles south of Avon Pier. Currently, there is no through access for ORVs to Ramp 38. Pedestrian access is open.

- An ORV SAFETY closure of 1.6 miles begins 1.9 miles south of Ramp 34 (.1 mi. north of Avon Pier) and extends to .3 mile north of Ramp 38. This 1.6 mile section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

**Ramp 38 - Ramp 43:** (6.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 38.

Currently, there is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 38 and Ramp 43. Pedestrian access is open.

- An ORV SAFETY closure is 2.8 miles long, beginning 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 38 to .4 of a mile north of Ramp 43, due to very narrow beaches. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

**Ramp 43 - Ramp 44:** (0.4 of a mile)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

**Ramp 44 - Ramp 45:** (Cape Point: 2.4 miles)

Current Status: ORV and pedestrian access is open from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point and from Cape Point south/west for approximately 0.2 of a mile. The Interdunal Road is open from Ramp 44 to Ramp 45. Salt Pond Road is closed.

- Cape Point: A RESOURCE protection area (prenesting area) was established on March 12, 2009. It included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure from approximately 0.2 miles south/west of Cape Point to approximately 0.3 east of Ramp 45; and allowed for an access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline. The total closure distance was approximately 1.0 mile in length. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 45 - Ramp 49:** (South Beach: 3.4 miles)

Current Status: The Interdunal Road is open from Ramp 44 to Ramp 45. Salt Pond Road is closed. ORV and pedestrian access is open from Ramp 45 for 0.2 miles east and 0.2 miles west (i.e., a cul-de-sac). Access is also open from Ramp 49 for 2.7 miles east to where a RESOURCE protection area is located.

- **March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established from approximately 0.2 miles to 0.7 miles west of Ramp 45, as a result of observed American oystercatcher breeding behavior.**
- South Beach: A RESOURCE protection area (prenesting area) was established on March 12, 2009. It included upper beach areas that encompass the dunes and extends towards the ocean but allows for an ORV corridor along the lower beach. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 49 - Ramp 55:** (5.9 miles; includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV use for 1.2 miles west of Ramp 49 to the Frisco line. There is pedestrian, but not ORV, access from the Frisco line to 0.1 of a mile east of Ramp 55.

- An ORV SAFETY closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.7 miles long. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

**Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet:** (Hatteras Inlet Spit: 2.7 miles)

Current Status: ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 west to 0.1 mile west of the southern exit of the Pole Road. Pole Road is open except in front of the Isabel overwash areas, where traffic is routed onto the beach due to a RESOURCE protection area. Cable Crossing and Spur Road are open to the sound shoreline. Sound access is open 110 meters south of Spur Road, where a RESOURCE protection area begins. Access to the inlet including the "Rip" is closed due to a RESOURCE protection area.

- A RESOURCE protection area (prenesting area) was established on March 11, 2009. It included the ocean beach from approximately 0.1 mile south of the southern exit of Pole Road south/west to the inlet, then along the inlet shoreline to the sound shoreline 110 meters south of the Spur Road. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (prenesting area) was established on the soundside at the Isabel overwash area on March 11, 2009. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area. Ocean shoreline access is open past this area.

**Ocracoke Island District** (16.3 miles of ocean shoreline)**Hatteras Inlet (North Ocracoke Spit) to Ramp 59:** (1.4 miles)

Current Status: An access corridor is currently being maintained (weather dependent) above the high tide line for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 59 north for 0.9 miles to North Ocracoke Spit.

- A RESOURCE protection area (prenesting area) was established at North Ocracoke Spit on March 10, 2009. It included interior areas and the inlet shoreline and portions of the ocean shoreline. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 59 - Ramp 67:** (7.8 miles)

Current Status: There is no through ORV shoreline access between these two ramps. Pedestrian access is open.

- An ORV SAFETY closure is 5.2 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

**Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (includes Ramp 68):** (3.9 miles; includes Ramp 68)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

**Ramp 70 - Ramp 72:** (1.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

**Ramp 72 to South Point:** (3.5 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access on the ocean shoreline for 1.9 miles south of Ramp 72.

- **March 24, 2009 – A deliberate violation of the RESOURCE protection area (vandalism of fencing) resulted in a mandatory 50-meter expansion of the prenesting area. Due to the narrow width of the beach at this location, ORV access is precluded past the location of the expansion. Pedestrian access below the tide line is permitted past the buffer expansion along portions of the inlet shoreline outside of the established prenesting area.**
- A RESOURCE protection area (prenesting area) was established on March 10, 2009. It included the sound shoreline, portions of the inlet shoreline, and interior portions of the spit; and allowed an access corridor along the ocean shoreline to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including piping plovers, American oystercatchers, colonial waterbirds (3 species of terns and black skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians, and pets.





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### Addendum to April 2, 2009 Beach Access Report

Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches will be managed again this summer under the terms of the U.S. District Court approved consent decree. Park visitors can expect to see resource closures for breeding shorebirds in effect to varying degrees from mid-March to mid-to-late-August and turtle nesting closures may occur until early November. Shorebird pre-nesting closures have already been established at the inlets, Cape Point, and South Beach. As soon as subsequent breeding activity is observed, the consent decree requires that automatic, non-discretionary buffers be implemented.

**\*\*An additional RESOURCE protection area has been implemented since the Beach Access Report was issued earlier today.**

### **Bodie Island District** (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27; 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline)

#### **Ramp 2 - Ramp 4** (2.4 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

#### **Ramp 4 – Oregon Inlet** (Bodie Island Spit: 2.1 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for **0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4**. The inlet shoreline south/west of the closure, outside of the existing pre-nesting **and RESOURCE protection closure** areas, remains open for boat landing/pedestrian access.

- **April 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure precludes ORV access along the ocean shoreline 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4.**



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Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access, but not for ORV access.

- An ORV SAFETY closure is 1.2 miles long.

#### **Ramp 2 - Ramp 4 (2.4 miles)**

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

#### **Ramp 4 – Oregon Inlet (Bodie Island Spit: 2.1 miles)**

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 1.3 miles south of Ramp 4. The inlet shoreline south/west of the closure, outside of the existing pre-nesting **and RESOURCE protection closure** areas, remains open for boat landing/pedestrian access.

- **April 2, 2009: Due to continuing erosion of the ocean shoreline, the existing RESOURCE protection area has been extended approximately 0.2 miles south, which precludes pedestrian access in the inter-tidal zone past the closure.**
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.3 miles south of Ramp 4 along the ocean shoreline, as a result of observed piping plover breeding behavior.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established that included interior areas of the spit and the “pond” shoreline and allowed an ORV access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline to a point 1.4 miles south of Ramp 4 and pedestrian access to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access in the RESOURCE protection area.

**Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo:** (Pea Island NWR boundary to Ramp 23 - 3.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

**Ramp 23 - Ramp 27:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

**Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet; 31.9 miles of ocean shoreline)**

**Ramp 27 - Ramp 30:** (2.1 miles)

Current Status: Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 27 south for 0.9 of a mile or 1.0 miles north of Ramp 30.

- **March 28, 2009: The existing RESOURCE protection area was expanded 150 meters to the south for observed American oystercatcher (AMOY) breeding behavior.**
- March 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.1 miles north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 30 - Ramp 34:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

**Ramp 34 - Ramp 38:** (3.9 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 34 to 0.2 miles south of Avon Pier. Currently, there is no through access for ORVs to Ramp 38. Pedestrian access is open.

- An ORV SAFETY closure of 1.6 miles begins 1.9 miles south of Ramp 34 (.1 mi. north of Avon Pier) and extends to .3 mile north of Ramp 38. This 1.6 mile section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

**Ramp 38 - Ramp 43:** (6.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 38.

Currently, there is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 38 and Ramp 43. Pedestrian access is open.

- **April 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.9 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.**
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 2.8 miles long, beginning 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 38 to .4 of a mile north of Ramp 43, due to very narrow beaches. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

**Ramp 43 - Ramp 44:** (0.4 of a mile)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

**Ramp 44 - Ramp 45:** (Cape Point: 2.4 miles)

Current Status: ORV and pedestrian access is open from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point and from Cape Point south/west for approximately 0.2 of a mile. The Interdunal Road is open from Ramp 44 to Ramp 45. Salt Pond Road is closed.

- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Cape Point that included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure from approximately 0.2 miles south/west of Cape Point to approximately 0.3 east of Ramp 45; and allowed for an access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline. The total closure distance was approximately 1.0 mile in length. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 45 - Ramp 49:** (South Beach: 3.4 miles)

Current Status: The Interdunal Road is open from Ramp 44 to Ramp 45. Salt Pond Road is closed. ORV and pedestrian access is open from Ramp 45 for 0.2 miles east and 0.2 miles west (i.e., a cul-de-sac). Access is also open from Ramp 49 for 2.6 miles east to where a RESOURCE protection area is located.

- **March 31, 2009: The western boundary of the existing full beach closure (Resource protection area) was expanded by 50 meters due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing).**
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established from approximately 0.2 miles to 0.7 miles west of Ramp 45 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
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**Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet:** (Hatteras Inlet Spit: 2.7 miles)

Current Status: ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 **west to the southern exit of the Pole Road**. Pole Road is open except in front of the Isabel overwash areas, where traffic is routed onto the beach due to a RESOURCE protection area. Cable Crossing and Spur Road are open to the sound shoreline. Sound access is open 110 meters south of Spur Road, where a RESOURCE protection area begins. Access to the inlet including the "Rip" is closed due to a RESOURCE protection area.

- **March 30, 2009: Due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing), the eastern boundary of the Hatteras Inlet pre-nesting area was expanded for a total of 0.1 mile (50 meters east of the easternmost vandalized sign).**
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Hatteras Inlet Spit that included the ocean beach from approximately 0.1 mile south of the southern exit of Pole Road south/west to the inlet, then along the inlet shoreline to the sound shoreline 110 meters south of the Spur Road. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the soundside at the Isabel overwash area that included portions of the Pole Road adjacent to the overwash fans. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area. Ocean shoreline access is open past this area.

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Current Status: An access corridor is currently being maintained (weather dependent) above the high tide line for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 59 north for 0.9 miles to North Ocracoke Spit.

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Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access on the ocean shoreline for 1.9 miles south of Ramp 72.

- March 24, 2009: The pre-nesting area was expanded by 50 meters at two locations at the inlet due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing). One of the expansions precludes ORV access to the inlet shoreline. Pedestrian access is permitted below the tide line to portions of the inlet shoreline outside of the established pre-nesting area.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Point Ocracoke that included the sound shoreline, portions of the inlet shoreline, and interior portions of the spit; and allowed an access corridor along the ocean shoreline to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

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- **April 2, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the north shore of the Bait Pond, under the Bonner Bridge and east to the tidal creek, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.**
- April 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure precludes ORV access along the ocean shoreline 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4.
- April 2, 2009: Due to continuing erosion of the ocean shoreline, the existing RESOURCE protection area has been extended approximately 0.2 miles south, which precludes pedestrian access in the inter-tidal zone past the closure.
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**Ramp 27 - Ramp 30:** (2.1 miles)

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**Ramp 38 - Ramp 43:** (6.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 38.

Currently, there is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 38 and Ramp 43. Pedestrian access is open.



- April 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.9 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 2.8 miles long, beginning 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 38 to .4 of a mile north of Ramp 43, due to very narrow beaches. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

**Ramp 43 - Ramp 44:** (0.4 of a mile)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

**Ramp 44 - Ramp 45:** (Cape Point: 2.4 miles)

Current Status: ORV and pedestrian access is open from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point and from Cape Point south/west for approximately 0.2 of a mile. The Interdunal Road is open from Ramp 44 to Ramp 45. Salt Pond Road is closed.

- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Cape Point that included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure from approximately 0.2 miles south/west of Cape Point to approximately 0.3 east of Ramp 45; and allowed for an access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline. The total closure distance was approximately 1.0 mile in length. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 45 - Ramp 49:** (South Beach: 3.4 miles)

Current Status: The Interdunal Road is open from Ramp 44 to Ramp 45. Salt Pond Road is closed. ORV and pedestrian access is open from Ramp 45 for 0.2 miles east and 0.2 miles west (i.e., a cul-de-sac). Access is also open from Ramp 49 for 2.6 miles east to where a RESOURCE protection area is located.

- March 31, 2009: The western boundary of the existing full beach closure (Resource protection area) was expanded by 50 meters due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing).
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established from approximately 0.2 miles to 0.7 miles west of Ramp 45 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Beach that included upper beach areas that encompass the dunes and extends towards the ocean but allows for an ORV corridor along the lower beach. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 49 - Ramp 55:** (5.9 miles; includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV use for 1.2 miles west of Ramp 49 to the Frisco line. There is pedestrian, but not ORV, access from the Frisco line to 0.1 of a mile east of Ramp 55.

- **On April 5, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.**
- March 13, 2009: A 150 meter buffer was established southwest of the Sandy Bay parking lot for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.7 miles long. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

**Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet:** (Hatteras Inlet Spit: 2.7 miles)

Current Status: ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 west to the southern exit of the Pole Road. Pole Road is open except in front of the Isabel overwash areas, where traffic is routed onto the beach due to a RESOURCE protection area. Cable Crossing and Spur Road are open to the sound shoreline. Sound access is open 110 meters south of Spur Road, where a RESOURCE protection area begins. Access to the inlet including the "Rip" is closed due to a RESOURCE protection area.

- March 30, 2009: Due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing), the eastern boundary of the Hatteras Inlet pre-nesting area was expanded for a total of 0.1 mile (50 meters east of the easternmost vandalized sign).

- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Hatteras Inlet Spit that included the ocean beach from approximately 0.1 mile south of the southern exit of Pole Road south/west to the inlet, then along the inlet shoreline to the sound shoreline 110 meters south of the Spur Road. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area ( RESOURCE protection area) was established on the soundside at the Isabel overwash area that included portions of the Pole Road adjacent to the overwash fans. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area. Ocean shoreline access is open past this area.

### **Ocracoke Island District (16.3 miles of ocean shoreline)**

#### **Hatteras Inlet (North Ocracoke Spit) to Ramp 59:** (1.4 miles)

Current Status: An access corridor is currently being maintained (weather dependent) above the high tide line for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 59 north for 0.9 miles to North Ocracoke Spit.

- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at North Ocracoke Spit that included interior areas and the inlet shoreline and portions of the ocean shoreline. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

#### **Ramp 59 - Ramp 67:** (7.8 miles)

Current Status: There is no through ORV shoreline access between these two ramps. Pedestrian access is open.

- An ORV SAFETY closure is 5.2 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

#### **Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (includes Ramp 68):** (3.9 miles; includes Ramp 68)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

#### **Ramp 70 - Ramp 72:** (1.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

#### **Ramp 72 to South Point:** (3.5 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access on the ocean shoreline for 1.9 miles south of Ramp 72.

- March 24, 2009: The pre-nesting area was expanded by 50 meters at two locations at the inlet due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing). One of the expansions precludes ORV access to the inlet shoreline. Pedestrian access is permitted below the tide line to portions of the inlet shoreline outside of the established pre-nesting area.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Point Ocracoke that included the sound shoreline, portions of the inlet shoreline, and interior portions of the spit; and allowed an access corridor along the ocean shoreline to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including piping plovers, American oystercatchers, colonial waterbirds (3 species of terns and black skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians, and pets.



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## National Park Service Beach Access Report for April 16, 2009

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Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches will be managed again this summer under the terms of the U.S. District Court approved consent decree. Park visitors can expect to see resource closures for breeding shorebirds in effect to varying degrees from mid-March to mid-to-late-August and turtle nesting closures may occur until early November. Shorebird pre-nesting closures have already been established at the inlets, Cape Point, and South Beach. As soon as subsequent breeding activity is observed, the consent decree requires that automatic, non-discretionary buffers be implemented.

The Beach Access Report is issued every Thursday throughout the breeding season, **and updated news will be reported weekly in bold, BLUE print.** *\*\*All distances are approximate.\*\** The weekly Beach Access Report is complemented by a Google Earth map, which is updated up to 5 times per week as access conditions change. The latest Google Earth beach access map can be viewed at:  
<http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/googleearthmap.htm>

Note: Closure conditions may change in the field on short notice. On-site signage, rather than the Beach Access Report or Google Earth map, is the most accurate and current indication of what is open or closed to the public. Closed areas are clearly marked in the field with “symbolic fencing” consisting of wooden or carsonite posts, closure signs, string, and flagging tape. Knowledge of tidal changes and caution should be exercised while traveling the beaches of the park. Pets are prohibited in resource protection areas. Elsewhere, pets must be physically restrained at all times on a leash not exceeding 6 feet in length.

The National Park Service is committed to providing accurate and current information on the beach access and temporary resource closure issue for the visiting public and our community neighbors. We continue to receive questions about issues related to beach access and have developed a “Frequently Asked Questions” information sheet that is now posted on the Seashore’s website at: <http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/off-road-vehicle-use.htm>

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### **Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27; 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline)**

#### **Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area) (1.2 miles)**

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access, but not for ORV access.

- An ORV SAFETY closure is 1.2 miles long.

#### **Ramp 2 - Ramp 4 (2.4 miles)**

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

#### **Ramp 4 – Oregon Inlet (Bodie Island Spit: 2.1 miles)**

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4. The inlet shoreline south/west of the closure, outside of the existing pre-nesting and RESOURCE protection closure areas, remains open for boat landing/pedestrian access.

- **On April 10, 2009: The North Shore/Bait Pond closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.**
- April 2, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the north shore of the Bait Pond, under the Bonner Bridge and east to the tidal creek, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure precludes ORV access along the ocean shoreline 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4.
- April 2, 2009: Due to continuing erosion of the ocean shoreline, the existing RESOURCE protection area has been extended approximately 0.2 miles south, which precludes pedestrian access in the inter-tidal zone past the closure.
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.3 miles south of Ramp 4 along the ocean shoreline, as a result of observed piping plover breeding behavior.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established that included interior areas of the spit and the “pond” shoreline and allowed an ORV access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline to a point 1.4 miles south of Ramp 4 and pedestrian access to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access in the RESOURCE protection area.

**Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo:** (Pea Island NWR boundary to Ramp 23 - 3.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

**Ramp 23 - Ramp 27:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

**Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet; 31.9 miles of ocean shoreline)**

**Ramp 27 - Ramp 30:** (2.1 miles)

Current Status: Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 27 south for 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30.

- April 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 28, 2009: The existing RESOURCE protection area was expanded 150 meters to the south for observed American oystercatcher (AMOY) breeding behavior.
- March 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.1 miles north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 30 - Ramp 34:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

**Ramp 34 - Ramp 38:** (3.9 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

**Ramp 38 - Ramp 43:** (6.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 38. Currently, there is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 38 and Ramp 43. Pedestrian access is open.

- **April 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.**

- April 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.9 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 2.8 miles long, beginning 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 38 to .4 of a mile north of Ramp 43, due to very narrow beaches. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

**Ramp 43 - Ramp 44:** (0.4 of a mile)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

**Ramp 44 - Ramp 45:** (Cape Point: 2.4 miles)

Current Status: ORV access is open from Ramp 44 south for 0.2 of a mile. The Interdunal Road is open from Ramp 44 to Ramp 45. Salt Pond Road is closed.

- **On April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. There is currently not an alternative ORV access route to Cape Point.**
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Cape Point that included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure from approximately 0.2 miles south/west of Cape Point to approximately 0.3 east of Ramp 45; and allowed for an access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline. The total closure distance was approximately 1.0 mile in length. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 45 - Ramp 49:** (South Beach: 3.4 miles)

Current Status: The Interdunal Road is open from Ramp 44 to Ramp 45. Salt Pond Road is closed. ORV and pedestrian access is open from Ramp 45 for 0.2 miles east and 0.2 miles west (i.e., a cul-de-sac). Access is also open from Ramp 49 for 1.9 miles east to where a RESOURCE protection area is located.

- **April 13, 2009: A full beach closure was established on the western boundary of the existing South Beach pre-nesting area closure for observed AMOY breeding behavior which precludes ORV corridor access or pedestrian access along the lower beach.**
- March 31, 2009: The western boundary of the existing full beach closure (Resource protection area) was expanded by 50 meters due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing).
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established from approximately 0.2 miles to 0.7 miles west of Ramp 45 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Beach that included upper beach areas that encompass the dunes and extends towards the ocean but allows for an ORV corridor along the lower beach. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 49 - Ramp 55:** (5.9 miles; includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV use for 1.2 miles west of Ramp 49 to the Frisco line. There is pedestrian, but not ORV, access from the Frisco line to 0.1 of a mile east of Ramp 55.

- On April 5, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 13, 2009: A 150 meter buffer was established southwest of the Sandy Bay parking lot for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.7 miles long. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

**Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet:** (Hatteras Inlet Spit: 2.7 miles)

Current Status: ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 west to the southern exit of the Pole Road. Pole Road is open except in front of the Isabel overwash areas, where traffic is routed onto the beach due to a RESOURCE protection area. Cable Crossing and Spur Road are open to the

sound shoreline. Sound access is open 110 meters south of Spur Road, where a RESOURCE protection area begins. Access to the inlet including the “Rip” is closed due to a RESOURCE protection area.

- March 30, 2009: Due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing), the eastern boundary of the Hatteras Inlet pre-nesting area was expanded for a total of 0.1 mile (50 meters east of the easternmost vandalized sign).
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Hatteras Inlet Spit that included the ocean beach from approximately 0.1 mile south of the southern exit of Pole Road south/west to the inlet, then along the inlet shoreline to the sound shoreline 110 meters south of the Spur Road. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area ( RESOURCE protection area) was established on the soundside at the Isabel overwash area that included portions of the Pole Road adjacent to the overwash fans. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area. Ocean shoreline access is open past this area.

### **Ocracoke Island District (16.3 miles of ocean shoreline)**

#### **Hatteras Inlet (North Ocracoke Spit) to Ramp 59:** (1.4 miles)

Current Status: An access corridor is currently being maintained (weather dependent) above the high tide line for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 59 north for 0.9 miles to North Ocracoke Spit.

- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at North Ocracoke Spit that included interior areas and the inlet shoreline and portions of the ocean shoreline. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

#### **Ramp 59 - Ramp 67:** (7.8 miles)

Current Status: There is no through ORV shoreline access between these two ramps. Pedestrian access is open.

- **On April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established from approximately 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior**
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 5.2 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

#### **Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (includes Ramp 68):** (3.9 miles; includes Ramp 68)

Current Status: There is no through ORV shoreline access between these two ramps. Pedestrian access is open.

- **On April 15, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.**

#### **Ramp 70 - Ramp 72:** (1.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

#### **Ramp 72 to South Point:** (3.5 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access on the ocean shoreline for 1.9 miles south of Ramp 72.

- March 24, 2009: The pre-nesting area was expanded by 50 meters at two locations at the inlet due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing). One of the expansions precludes ORV access to the inlet shoreline. Pedestrian access is permitted below the tide line to portions of the inlet shoreline outside of the established pre-nesting area.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Point Ocracoke that included the sound shoreline, portions of the inlet shoreline, and interior portions of the spit; and allowed an access corridor along the ocean shoreline to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

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## National Park Service Beach Access Report for April 23, 2009

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### **Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27; 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline)**

#### **Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area) (1.2 miles)**

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access, but not for ORV access.

- An ORV SAFETY closure is 1.2 miles long.

#### **Ramp 2 - Ramp 4 (2.4 miles)**

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

#### **Ramp 4 – Oregon Inlet (Bodie Island Spit: 2.1 miles)**

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4. The inlet shoreline south/west of the closure, outside of the existing pre-nesting and RESOURCE protection closure areas, remains open for boat landing/pedestrian access.

- On April 10, 2009: The North Shore/Bait Pond closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 2, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the north shore of the Bait Pond, under the Bonner Bridge and east to the tidal creek, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure precludes ORV access along the ocean shoreline 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4.
- April 2, 2009: Due to continuing erosion of the ocean shoreline, the existing RESOURCE protection area has been extended approximately 0.2 miles south, which precludes pedestrian access in the inter-tidal zone past the closure.
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.3 miles south of Ramp 4 along the ocean shoreline, as a result of observed piping plover breeding behavior.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established that included interior areas of the spit and the “pond” shoreline and allowed an ORV access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline to a point 1.4 miles south of Ramp 4 and pedestrian access to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access in the RESOURCE protection area.

**Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo:** (Pea Island NWR boundary to Ramp 23 - 3.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

**Ramp 23 - Ramp 27:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

**Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet; 31.9 miles of ocean shoreline)**

**Ramp 27 - Ramp 30:** (2.1 miles)

Current Status: Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access **south of Ramp 27 for 0.7 of a mile and north of Ramp 30 for 0.6 of a mile.**

- **April 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.**
- April 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 28, 2009: The existing RESOURCE protection area was expanded 150 meters to the south for observed American oystercatcher (AMOY) breeding behavior.
- March 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.1 miles north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 30 - Ramp 34:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

**Ramp 34 - Ramp 38:** (3.9 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

**Ramp 38 - Ramp 43:** (6.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for **2.4** of a mile south of Ramp 38.

Currently, there is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 38 and Ramp 43. Pedestrian access is open.

- **April 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 2.4 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.**
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. **(REMOVED on April 17, 2009)**
- April 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.9 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. **(REMOVED on April 17, 2009)**
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 2.8 miles long, beginning 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 38 to .4 of a mile north of Ramp 43, due to very narrow beaches. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

**Ramp 43 - Ramp 44:** (0.4 of a mile)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

**Ramp 44 - Ramp 45:** (Cape Point: 2.4 miles)

Current Status: ORV access is open from Ramp 44 south for 0.2 of a mile. **Salt Pond Road and Ramp 45 are closed. The Interdunal Road is open to pedestrian access.**

- **On April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the ocean shoreline in front of Ramp 45 for observed PIPL breeding behavior. Ramp 45 is closed to ORV and pedestrian access just north of the dune line.**
- **On April 19, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 was modified (extended) 300 meters to the south for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure is now 0.4 of a mile in length and there is no ORV or pedestrian access within the resource protection area.**
- On April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. There is currently not an alternative ORV access route to Cape Point.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Cape Point that included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure from approximately 0.2 miles south/west of Cape Point to approximately 0.3 east of Ramp 45; and allowed for an access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline. The total closure distance was approximately 1.0 mile in length. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 45 - Ramp 49:** (South Beach: 3.4 miles)

Current Status: The Interdunal Road is open from Ramp 44 to Ramp 45. Salt Pond Road is closed. ORV and pedestrian access is open from Ramp 45 for 0.2 miles east and 0.2 miles west (i.e., a cul-de-sac). Access is also open from Ramp 49 for 1.9 miles east to where a RESOURCE protection area is located.

- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure was established on the western boundary of the existing South Beach pre-nesting area closure for observed AMOY breeding behavior which precludes ORV corridor access or pedestrian access along the lower beach.
- March 31, 2009: The western boundary of the existing full beach closure (Resource protection area) was expanded by 50 meters due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing).
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established from approximately 0.2 miles to 0.7 miles west of Ramp 45 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Beach that included upper beach areas that encompass the dunes and extends towards the ocean but allows for an ORV corridor along the lower beach. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 49 - Ramp 55:** (5.9 miles; includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV use for 1.2 miles west of Ramp 49 to the Frisco line. There is pedestrian, but not ORV, access from the Frisco line to 0.1 of a mile east of Ramp 55.

- On April 5, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 13, 2009: A 150 meter buffer was established southwest of the Sandy Bay parking lot for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.7 miles long. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

**Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet:** (Hatteras Inlet Spit: 2.7 miles)

Current Status: ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 west to the southern exit of the Pole Road. Pole Road is open except in front of the Isabel overwash areas, where traffic is routed onto the beach due to a RESOURCE protection area. Cable Crossing and Spur Road are open to the sound shoreline. Sound access is open 110 meters south of Spur Road, where a RESOURCE protection area begins. Access to the inlet including the "Rip" is closed due to a RESOURCE protection area.

- March 30, 2009: Due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing), the eastern boundary of the Hatteras Inlet pre-nesting area was expanded for a total of 0.1 mile (50 meters east of the easternmost vandalized sign).
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Hatteras Inlet Spit that included the ocean beach from approximately 0.1 mile south of the southern exit of Pole Road south/west to the inlet, then along the inlet shoreline to the sound shoreline 110 meters south of the Spur Road. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.
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**Ocracoke Island District (16.3 miles of ocean shoreline)****Hatteras Inlet (North Ocracoke Spit) to Ramp 59:** (1.4 miles)

Current Status: An access corridor is currently being maintained (weather dependent) above the high tide line for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 59 north for 0.9 miles to North Ocracoke Spit.

- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at North Ocracoke Spit that included interior areas and the inlet shoreline and portions of the ocean shoreline. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 59 - Ramp 67:** (7.8 miles)

Current Status: There is no through ORV shoreline access between these two ramps. Pedestrian access is open.

- **On April 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 3 miles southwest of Ramp 59, in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.**
- On April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 5.2 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

**Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (includes Ramp 68):** (3.9 miles; includes Ramp 68)

Current Status: There is no through ORV shoreline access between these two ramps.

- **On April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (extended) approximately 1.3 miles north of Ramp 70 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.**
- On April 15, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 70 - Ramp 72:** (1.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

**Ramp 72 to South Point:** (3.5 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access on the ocean shoreline for 1.9 miles south of Ramp 72.

- March 24, 2009: The pre-nesting area was expanded by 50 meters at two locations at the inlet due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing). One of the expansions precludes ORV access to the inlet shoreline. Pedestrian access is permitted below the tide line to portions of the inlet shoreline outside of the established pre-nesting area.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Point Ocracoke that included the sound shoreline, portions of the inlet shoreline, and interior portions of the spit; and allowed an access corridor along the ocean shoreline to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

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## National Park Service Beach Access Report for April 30, 2009

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### **Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27; 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline)**

#### **Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area) (1.2 miles)**

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access, but not for ORV access.

- An ORV SAFETY closure is 1.2 miles long.

#### **Ramp 2 - Ramp 4 (2.4 miles)**

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

#### **Ramp 4 – Oregon Inlet (Bodie Island Spit: 2.1 miles)**



Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4. The inlet shoreline south/west of the closure, outside of the existing pre-nesting and RESOURCE protection closure areas, remains open for boat landing/pedestrian access.

- **April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.7 miles south of Ramp 4 (southern tip of Bodie Island Spit) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. Although, this does not currently affect ORV access, the closure does affect a portion of limited beach access for pedestrians.**
- **April 25, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the south shore of the Bait Pond for observed AMOY breeding behavior.**
- On April 10, 2009: The North Shore/Bait Pond closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. **(REMOVED: April 27, 2009)**
- April 2, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the north shore of the Bait Pond, under the Bonner Bridge and east to the tidal creek, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure precludes ORV access along the ocean shoreline 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4.
- April 2, 2009: Due to continuing erosion of the ocean shoreline, the existing RESOURCE protection area has been extended approximately 0.2 miles south, which precludes pedestrian access in the inter-tidal zone past the closure.
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.3 miles south of Ramp 4 along the ocean shoreline, as a result of observed piping plover breeding behavior.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established that included interior areas of the spit and the “pond” shoreline and allowed an ORV access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline to a point 1.4 miles south of Ramp 4 and pedestrian access to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access in the RESOURCE protection area.

**Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo:** (Pea Island NWR boundary to Ramp 23 - 3.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

**Ramp 23 - Ramp 27:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

**Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet; 31.9 miles of ocean shoreline)**

**Ramp 27 - Ramp 30:** (2.1 miles)

Current Status: Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access **0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27** and north of Ramp 30 for 0.6 of a mile.

- **April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.**
- **April 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.**
- **April 24, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established (and then modified (expanded) on April 27, 2009) approximately 0.3 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.**
- **April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.**
- April 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. **(REMOVED: April 24, 2009)**
- April 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.



- March 28, 2009: The existing RESOURCE protection area was expanded 150 meters to the south for observed American oystercatcher (AMOY) breeding behavior.
- March 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.1 miles north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 30 - Ramp 34:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access **for 4 miles south of Ramp 30.**

- **April 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile north of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.**

**Ramp 34 - Ramp 38:** (3.9 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

**Ramp 38 - Ramp 43:** (6.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for **2.3** of a mile south of Ramp 38.

Currently, there is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 38 and Ramp 43. Pedestrian access is open.

- **April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.1 of a mile on the northern boundary (now 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38), in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.**
- April 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles south of Ramp 38), in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- April 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.9 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 2.8 miles long, beginning 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 38 to .4 of a mile north of Ramp 43, due to very narrow beaches. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

**Ramp 43 - Ramp 44:** (0.4 of a mile)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access **for 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 43.**

- **April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 43 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.**

**Ramp 44 - Ramp 45:** (Cape Point: 2.4 miles)

Current Status: **Ramp 44 is closed to ORV access.** Salt Pond Road and Ramp 45 are closed. The Interdunal Road **and Ramp 44** are open to pedestrian access.

- **April 29, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified a second time this week for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This modification closes Ramp 44 to ORV access.**
- **April 27, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified; this modification of 0.1 mile affected the ocean shoreline on the southern boundary of the closure, and the eastern boundary of the prenesting closure was expanded by 30 meters for observed AMOY and PIPL breeding behavior.**
- On April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the ocean shoreline in front of Ramp 45 for observed PIPL breeding behavior. Ramp 45 is closed to ORV and pedestrian access just north of the dune line.
- On April 19, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 was modified (extended) 300 meters to the south for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure is now 0.4 of a mile in length and there is no ORV or pedestrian access within the resource protection area.

- On April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. There is currently not an alternative ORV access route to Cape Point.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Cape Point that included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure from approximately 0.2 miles south/west of Cape Point to approximately 0.3 east of Ramp 45; and allowed for an access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline. The total closure distance was approximately 1.0 mile in length. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 45 - Ramp 49:** (South Beach: 3.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 45 is closed. Access is also open from Ramp 49 for 1.9 miles east to where a RESOURCE protection area is located.

- **April 28, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) which further reduces the limited access section along the shoreline to 0.2 of a mile.**
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure was established on the western boundary of the existing South Beach pre-nesting area closure for observed AMOY breeding behavior which precludes ORV corridor access or pedestrian access along the lower beach.
- March 31, 2009: The western boundary of the existing full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was expanded by 50 meters due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing).
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established from approximately 0.2 miles to 0.7 miles west of Ramp 45 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Beach that included upper beach areas that encompass the dunes and extends towards the ocean but allows for an ORV corridor along the lower beach. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 49 - Ramp 55:** (5.9 miles; includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV use for 1.2 miles west of Ramp 49 to the Frisco line. There is pedestrian, but not ORV, access from the Frisco line to 0.1 of a mile east of Ramp 55.

- **April 29, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was established (adjusted) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.**
- April 5, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. **(REMOVED: April 29, 2009)**
- March 13, 2009: A 150 meter buffer was established southwest of the Sandy Bay parking lot for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.7 miles long. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

**Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet:** (Hatteras Inlet Spit: 2.7 miles)

Current Status: ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 west to the southern exit of the Pole Road. Pole Road is open except in front of the Isabel overwash areas, where traffic is routed onto the beach due to a RESOURCE protection area. Cable Crossing and Spur Road are open to the sound shoreline. Sound access is open 110 meters south of Spur Road, where a RESOURCE protection area begins. Access to the inlet including the "Rip" is closed due to a RESOURCE protection area.

- March 30, 2009: Due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing), the eastern boundary of the Hatteras Inlet pre-nesting area was expanded for a total of 0.1 mile (50 meters east of the easternmost vandalized sign).

- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Hatteras Inlet Spit that included the ocean beach from approximately 0.1 mile south of the southern exit of Pole Road south/west to the inlet, then along the inlet shoreline to the sound shoreline 110 meters south of the Spur Road. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.
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## **Ocracoke Island District (16.3 miles of ocean shoreline)**

### **Hatteras Inlet (North Ocracoke Spit) to Ramp 59:** (1.4 miles)

Current Status: An access corridor is currently being maintained (weather dependent) above the high tide line for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 59 north for 0.9 miles to North Ocracoke Spit.

- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at North Ocracoke Spit that included interior areas and the inlet shoreline and portions of the ocean shoreline. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

### **Ramp 59 - Ramp 67:** (7.8 miles)

Current Status: There is no through ORV shoreline access between these two ramps. Pedestrian access is open.

- **April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.**
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### **Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (includes Ramp 68):** (3.9 miles; includes Ramp 68)

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- April 15, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

### **Ramp 70 - Ramp 72:** (1.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

### **Ramp 72 to South Point:** (3.5 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access on the ocean shoreline for 1.9 miles south of Ramp 72.

- March 24, 2009: The pre-nesting area was expanded by 50 meters at two locations at the inlet due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing). One of the expansions precludes ORV access to the inlet shoreline. Pedestrian access is permitted below the tide line to portions of the inlet shoreline outside of the established pre-nesting area.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Point Ocracoke that included the sound shoreline, portions of the inlet shoreline, and interior portions of the

spit; and allowed an access corridor along the ocean shoreline to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

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### **Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27; 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline)**

#### **Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area) (1.2 miles)**

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access, but not for ORV access.

- An ORV SAFETY closure is 1.2 miles long.

**Ramp 2 - Ramp 4** (2.4 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

**Ramp 4 – Oregon Inlet** (Bodie Island Spit: 2.1 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4. The inlet shoreline south/west of the closure, outside of the existing pre-nesting and RESOURCE protection closure areas, remains open for boat landing/pedestrian access.

- **May 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior. This closure, 0.8 of a mile in length, affects the “limited access” area for pedestrians south of Ramp 4 on the ocean shoreline.**
- **May 4, 2009: The Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) closure was modified (reduced) and the original prenesting shoreline was re-established when an AMOY pair nested elsewhere.**
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.7 miles south of Ramp 4 (southern tip of Bodie Island Spit) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. Although, this does not currently affect ORV access, the closure does affect a portion of limited beach access for pedestrians.
- April 25, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the south shore of the Bait Pond for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- On April 10, 2009: The North Shore/Bait Pond closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 27, 2009)
- April 2, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the north shore of the Bait Pond, under the Bonner Bridge and east to the tidal creek, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure precludes ORV access along the ocean shoreline 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4.
- April 2, 2009: Due to continuing erosion of the ocean shoreline, the existing RESOURCE protection area has been extended approximately 0.2 miles south, which precludes pedestrian access in the inter-tidal zone past the closure.
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.3 miles south of Ramp 4 along the ocean shoreline, as a result of observed piping plover breeding behavior.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established that included interior areas of the spit and the “pond” shoreline and allowed an ORV access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline to a point 1.4 miles south of Ramp 4 and pedestrian access to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access in the RESOURCE protection area.

**Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo:** (Pea Island NWR boundary to Ramp 23 - 3.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

**Ramp 23 - Ramp 27:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

**Hatteras Island District** (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet; 31.9 miles of ocean shoreline)**Ramp 27 - Ramp 30:** (2.1 miles)

Current Status: Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 and north of Ramp 30 for 0.6 of a mile.

- **May 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.1 of a mile on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.**



- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 24, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established (and then modified (expanded) on April 27, 2009) approximately 0.3 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 24, 2009)
- April 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 28, 2009: The existing RESOURCE protection area was expanded 150 meters to the south for observed American oystercatcher (AMOY) breeding behavior.
- March 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.1 miles north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 30 - Ramp 34:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 4 miles south of Ramp 30.

- April 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile north of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 34 - Ramp 38:** (3.9 miles)

Current Status: **Ramp 34 is closed for ORV use. The beach is open for pedestrian access.**

- **May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established directly in front of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. Pedestrians will be routed around the backside of the closure for access to the beach.**

**Ramp 38 - Ramp 43:** (6.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 2.3 of a mile south of Ramp 38.

Currently, there is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 38 and Ramp 43.

- **May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the northern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp 38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.**
- **April 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.9 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.**
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.1 of a mile on the northern boundary (now 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38), in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles south of Ramp 38), in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- April 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.9 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 2.8 miles long, beginning 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 38 to .4 of a mile north of Ramp 43, due to very narrow beaches. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.



**Ramp 43 - Ramp 44:** (0.4 of a mile)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 43.

- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 43 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 44 - Ramp 45:** (Cape Point: 2.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 44 is closed to ORV access. Salt Pond Road and Ramp 45 are closed. The Interdunal Road and Ramp 44 are open to pedestrian access.

- April 29, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified a second time this week for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This modification closes Ramp 44 to ORV access.
- April 27, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified; this modification of 0.1 mile affected the ocean shoreline on the southern boundary of the closure, and the eastern boundary of the prenesting closure was expanded by 30 meters for observed AMOY and PIPL breeding behavior.
- On April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the ocean shoreline in front of Ramp 45 for observed PIPL breeding behavior. Ramp 45 is closed to ORV and pedestrian access just north of the dune line.
- On April 19, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 was modified (extended) 300 meters to the south for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure is now 0.4 of a mile in length and there is no ORV or pedestrian access within the resource protection area.
- On April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. There is currently not an alternative ORV access route to Cape Point.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Cape Point that included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure from approximately 0.2 miles south/west of Cape Point to approximately 0.3 east of Ramp 45; and allowed for an access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline. The total closure distance was approximately 1.0 mile in length. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 45 - Ramp 49:** (South Beach: 3.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 45 is closed. Access is also open from Ramp 49 for 1.9 miles east to where a RESOURCE protection area is located.

- April 28, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) which further reduces the limited access section along the shoreline to 0.2 of a mile.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure was established on the western boundary of the existing South Beach pre-nesting area closure for observed AMOY breeding behavior which precludes ORV corridor access or pedestrian access along the lower beach.
- March 31, 2009: The western boundary of the existing full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was expanded by 50 meters due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing).
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established from approximately 0.2 miles to 0.7 miles west of Ramp 45 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Beach that included upper beach areas that encompass the dunes and extends towards the ocean but allows for an ORV corridor along the lower beach. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 49 - Ramp 55:** (5.9 miles; includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV use for 1.2 miles west of Ramp 49 to the Frisco line. There is pedestrian, but not ORV, access from the Frisco line to 0.1 of a mile east of Ramp 55.

- April 29, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was established (adjusted) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 5, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 29, 2009)
- March 13, 2009: A 150 meter buffer was established southwest of the Sandy Bay parking lot for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.7 miles long. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

**Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet:** (Hatteras Inlet Spit: 2.7 miles)

Current Status: ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 west to the southern exit of the Pole Road. Pole Road is open except in front of the Isabel overwash areas, where traffic is routed onto the beach due to a RESOURCE protection area. Cable Crossing and Spur Road are open to the sound shoreline. Sound access is open 110 meters south of Spur Road, where a RESOURCE protection area begins. Access to the inlet including the “Rip” is closed due to a RESOURCE protection area.

- March 30, 2009: Due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing), the eastern boundary of the Hatteras Inlet pre-nesting area was expanded for a total of 0.1 mile (50 meters east of the easternmost vandalized sign).
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Hatteras Inlet Spit that included the ocean beach from approximately 0.1 mile south of the southern exit of Pole Road south/west to the inlet, then along the inlet shoreline to the sound shoreline 110 meters south of the Spur Road. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the soundside at the Isabel overwash area that included portions of the Pole Road adjacent to the overwash fans. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area. Ocean shoreline access is open past this area.

**Ocracoke Island District (16.3 miles of ocean shoreline)**

**Hatteras Inlet (North Ocracoke Spit) to Ramp 59:** (1.4 miles)

Current Status: An access corridor is currently being maintained (weather dependent) above the high tide line for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 59 north for 0.9 miles to North Ocracoke Spit.

- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at North Ocracoke Spit that included interior areas and the inlet shoreline and portions of the ocean shoreline. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 59 - Ramp 67:** (7.8 miles)

Current Status: There is no through ORV shoreline access between these two ramps.

- **May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.**
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 3 miles southwest of Ramp 59, in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. **(REMOVED May 4, 2009)**
- April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

- An ORV SAFETY closure is 5.2 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

**Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (includes Ramp 68):** (3.9 miles; includes Ramp 68)

Current Status: There is no through ORV shoreline access between these two ramps.

- **May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded & reduced), expanded by 0.1 of a mile on the northeast end of the existing closure and reduced by 0.3 of a mile on the southwestern end, located 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.**
- April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (extended) approximately 1.3 miles north of Ramp 70 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 15, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 70 - Ramp 72:** (1.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

**Ramp 72 to South Point:** (3.5 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access on the ocean shoreline for 1.9 miles south of Ramp 72.

- March 24, 2009: The pre-nesting area was expanded by 50 meters at two locations at the inlet due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing). One of the expansions precludes ORV access to the inlet shoreline. Pedestrian access is permitted below the tide line to portions of the inlet shoreline outside of the established pre-nesting area.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Point Ocracoke that included the sound shoreline, portions of the inlet shoreline, and interior portions of the spit; and allowed an access corridor along the ocean shoreline to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including piping plovers, American oystercatchers, colonial waterbirds (3 species of terns and black skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians, and pets.



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## National Park Service Beach Access Report for May 14, 2009

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Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches will be managed again this summer under the terms of the U.S. District Court approved consent decree. Park visitors can expect to see resource closures for breeding shorebirds in effect to varying degrees from mid-March to mid-to-late-August and turtle nesting closures may occur until early November. Shorebird pre-nesting closures have already been established at the inlets, Cape Point, and South Beach. As soon as subsequent breeding activity is observed, the consent decree requires that automatic, non-discretionary buffers be implemented.

The Beach Access Report is issued every Thursday throughout the breeding season, **and updated news will be reported weekly in bold, BLUE print.** **\*\*All distances are approximate.\*\*** The weekly Beach Access Report is complemented by a Google Earth map, which is updated up to 5 times per week as access conditions change. The latest Google Earth beach access map can be viewed at:  
<http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/googleearthmap.htm>

Note: Closure conditions may change in the field on short notice. **On-site signage, rather than the Beach Access Report or Google Earth map, is the most accurate and current indication of what is open or closed to the public.** Closed areas are clearly marked in the field with “symbolic fencing” consisting of wooden or carsonite posts, closure signs, string, and flagging tape. Knowledge of tidal changes and caution should be exercised while traveling the beaches of the park. Pets are prohibited in resource protection areas. Elsewhere, pets must be physically restrained at all times on a leash not exceeding 6 feet in length.

AMOY = American Oystercatcher, PIPL = Piping Plover, LETE = Least Terns, BLSK = Black Skimmers, COTE = Common Tern

The National Park Service is committed to providing accurate and current information on the beach access and temporary resource closure issue for the visiting public and our community neighbors. We continue to receive questions about issues related to beach access and have developed a “Frequently Asked Questions” information sheet that is now posted on the Seashore’s website at: <http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/off-road-vehicle-use.htm>

**As a reminder, the seasonal ORV closures of designated beaches will go into effect on May 15, 2009.**

For more information, please contact: [cyndy\\_holda@nps.gov](mailto:cyndy_holda@nps.gov) or call 252-473-2111, ext. 148.

### **Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27; 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline)**

#### **Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area) (1.2 miles)**

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access, but not for ORV access.

- An ORV SAFETY closure is 1.2 miles long.

#### **Ramp 2 - Ramp 4 (2.4 miles)**

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

**Ramp 4 – Oregon Inlet** (Bodie Island Spit: 2.1 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4. Portions of the inlet shoreline south/west of the closure, outside of the existing pre-nesting and RESOURCE protection closure areas, remains open for boat landing/pedestrian access.

- **May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.**
- **May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.**
- May 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior. This closure, 0.8 of a mile in length, affects the “limited access” area for pedestrians south of Ramp 4 on the ocean shoreline.
- May 4, 2009: The Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) closure was modified (reduced) and the original pre-nesting shoreline was re-established when an AMOY pair nested elsewhere.
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.7 miles south of Ramp 4 (southern tip of Bodie Island Spit) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. Although, this does not currently affect ORV access, the closure does affect a portion of limited beach access for pedestrians.
- April 25, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the south shore of the Bait Pond for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- On April 10, 2009: The North Shore/Bait Pond closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 27, 2009)
- April 2, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the north shore of the Bait Pond, under the Bonner Bridge and east to the tidal creek, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure precludes ORV access along the ocean shoreline 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4.
- April 2, 2009: Due to continuing erosion of the ocean shoreline, the existing RESOURCE protection area has been extended approximately 0.2 miles south, which precludes pedestrian access in the inter-tidal zone past the closure.
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.3 miles south of Ramp 4 along the ocean shoreline, as a result of observed piping plover breeding behavior.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established that included interior areas of the spit and the “pond” shoreline and allowed an ORV access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline to a point 1.4 miles south of Ramp 4 and pedestrian access to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access in the RESOURCE protection area.

**Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo:** (Pea Island NWR boundary to Ramp 23 - 3.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

**Ramp 23 - Ramp 27:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: **The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access 1.8 miles south of Ramp 23 and north of Ramp 27 for 1.0 miles. There is no through access between Ramps 23 and 27.**

- **May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.**
- **May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for LETE breeding behavior.**

**Hatteras Island District** (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet; 31.9 miles of ocean shoreline)

**Ramp 27 - Ramp 30:** (2.1 miles)

Current Status: Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 and north of Ramp 30 for 0.6 of a mile. There is no through access between Ramps 27 and 30.

- **May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.**
- **May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.**
- May 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 24, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established (and then modified (expanded) on April 27, 2009) approximately 0.3 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 24, 2009)
- April 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 28, 2009: The existing RESOURCE protection area was expanded to the south for observed American oystercatcher (AMOY) breeding behavior.
- March 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.1 miles north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 30 - Ramp 34:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 4 miles south of Ramp 30. **There is no through access between Ramps 30 and 34.**

- April 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile north of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)

**Ramp 34 - Ramp 38:** (3.9 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 34 is closed for ORV use.

- **May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure in front of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.**
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established directly in front of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. Pedestrians will be routed around the backside of the closure for access to the beach.

**Ramp 38 - Ramp 43:** (6.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 2.3 of a mile south of Ramp 38. There is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 38 and Ramp 43.



- **May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp 38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.**
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp 38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.9 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary (now 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38), in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. **(REMOVED: May 13, 2009)**
- April 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. **(REMOVED on April 17, 2009)**
- April 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.9 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. **(REMOVED on April 17, 2009)**
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 2.8 miles long, beginning 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 38 to .4 of a mile north of Ramp 43, due to very narrow beaches. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

**Ramp 43 - Ramp 44:** (0.4 of a mile)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 43. There is no through access between Ramps 43 and 44.

- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 43 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 44 - Ramp 45:** (Cape Point: 2.4 miles)

Current Status: **Ramp 44 is open to ORV use and there is ORV and pedestrian access 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 44.** Salt Pond Road and Ramp 45 are closed. **The Interdunal Road is open to pedestrian access.**

- **May 10 & 11, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified, Ramp 44 and 0.4 of a mile of ocean shoreline south of Ramp 44 re-opened for ORV use. The closure was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed PIPL and LETE breeding behavior.**
- **May 8, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified (expanded) for observed PIPL breeding behavior.**
- April 29, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified a second time this week for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This modification closes Ramp 44 to ORV access.
- April 27, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified; this modification of 0.1 mile affected the ocean shoreline on the southern boundary of the closure, and the eastern boundary of the prenesting closure was expanded by 30 meters for observed AMOY and PIPL breeding behavior.
- On April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the ocean shoreline in front of Ramp 45 for observed PIPL breeding behavior. Ramp 45 is closed to ORV and pedestrian access just north of the dune line.
- On April 19, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 was modified (extended) 300 meters to the south for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure is now 0.4 of a mile in length and there is no ORV or pedestrian access within the resource protection area.
- On April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. There is currently not an alternative ORV access route to Cape Point.

- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Cape Point that included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure from approximately 0.2 miles south/west of Cape Point to approximately 0.3 east of Ramp 45; and allowed for an access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline. The total closure distance was approximately 1.0 mile in length. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 45 - Ramp 49:** (South Beach: 3.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 45 is closed. Access is also open from Ramp 49 for 1.7 miles east to where a RESOURCE protection area is located. There is no through access between Ramps 45 and 49.

- **May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed LETE breeding behavior. In addition, 0.2 of a mile of "limited access" within the closure is now closed to all entry for LETE breeding behavior.**
- April 28, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) which further reduces the limited access section along the shoreline to 0.2 of a mile.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure was established on the western boundary of the existing South Beach pre-nesting area closure for observed AMOY breeding behavior which precludes ORV corridor access or pedestrian access along the lower beach.
- March 31, 2009: The western boundary of the existing full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was expanded by 50 meters due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing).
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established from approximately 0.2 miles to 0.7 miles west of Ramp 45 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Beach that included upper beach areas that encompass the dunes and extends towards the ocean but allows for an ORV corridor along the lower beach. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 49 - Ramp 55:** (5.9 miles; includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV use for 1.2 miles west of Ramp 49 to the Frisco line. There is pedestrian, but not ORV, access from the Frisco line to 0.1 of a mile east of Ramp 55.

- April 29, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was established (adjusted) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 5, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 29, 2009)
- March 13, 2009: A 150 meter buffer was established southwest of the Sandy Bay parking lot for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.7 miles long. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

**Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet:** (Hatteras Inlet Spit: 2.7 miles)

Current Status: ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 west to the southern exit of the Pole Road. Pole Road is open except in front of the Isabel overwash areas, where traffic is routed onto the beach due to a RESOURCE protection area. Cable Crossing and Spur Road are open to the sound shoreline. Sound access is open 110 meters south of Spur Road, where a RESOURCE protection area begins. Access to the inlet including the "Rip" is closed due to a RESOURCE protection area.

- March 30, 2009: Due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing), the eastern boundary of the Hatteras Inlet pre-nesting area was expanded for a total of 0.1 mile (50 meters east of the easternmost vandalized sign).

- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Hatteras Inlet Spit that included the ocean beach from approximately 0.1 mile south of the southern exit of Pole Road south/west to the inlet, then along the inlet shoreline to the sound shoreline 110 meters south of the Spur Road. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the soundside at the Isabel overwash area that included portions of the Pole Road adjacent to the overwash fans. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area. Ocean shoreline access is open past this area.

### **Ocracoke Island District (16.3 miles of ocean shoreline)**

#### **Hatteras Inlet (North Ocracoke Spit) to Ramp 59:** (1.4 miles)

Current Status: **The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 59.**

- **May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established and modified (expanded) on May 13, 2009, approximately 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.**
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at North Ocracoke Spit that included interior areas and the inlet shoreline and portions of the ocean shoreline. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

#### **Ramp 59 - Ramp 67:** (7.8 miles)

Current Status: There is no through ORV access between these two ramps.

- **May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.6 miles southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.**
- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. **(REMOVED: May 7, 2009)**
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. **(REMOVED: May 7, 2009)**
- April 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 3 miles southwest of Ramp 59, in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. **(REMOVED May 4, 2009)**
- April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 5.2 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

#### **Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (includes Ramp 68):** (3.9 miles; includes Ramp 68)

Current Status: There is no through ORV access between these two ramps.

- **May 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.**
- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded & reduced), expanded by 0.1 of a mile on the northeast end of the existing closure and reduced by 0.3 of a mile on the southwestern end, located 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (extended) approximately 1.3 miles north of Ramp 70 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
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### **Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27; 16.5 miles of ocean shoreline)**

#### **Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area) (1.2 miles)**

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- An ORV SAFETY closure is 1.2 miles long.

**Ramp 2 - Ramp 4** (2.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 2 is closed. The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from approximately 0.1 south of Ramp 2 to Ramp 4.

**Ramp 4 – Oregon Inlet** (Bodie Island Spit: 2.1 miles)

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- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior. This closure, 0.8 of a mile in length, affects the “limited access” area for pedestrians south of Ramp 4 on the ocean shoreline.
- May 4, 2009: The Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) closure was modified (reduced) and the original prenesting shoreline was re-established when an AMOY pair nested elsewhere.
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.7 miles south of Ramp 4 (southern tip of Bodie Island Spit) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. Although, this does not currently affect ORV access, the closure does affect a portion of limited beach access for pedestrians.
- April 25, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the south shore of the Bait Pond for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- On April 10, 2009: The North Shore/Bait Pond closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 27, 2009)
- April 2, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the north shore of the Bait Pond, under the Bonner Bridge and east to the tidal creek, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
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- April 2, 2009: Due to continuing erosion of the ocean shoreline, the existing RESOURCE protection area has been extended approximately 0.2 miles south, which precludes pedestrian access in the inter-tidal zone past the closure.
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- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established that included interior areas of the spit and the “pond” shoreline and allowed an ORV access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline to a point 1.4 miles south of Ramp 4 and pedestrian access to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access in the RESOURCE protection area.

**Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo:** (Pea Island NWR boundary to Ramp 23 - 3.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access.

**Ramp 23 - Ramp 27:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access 1.8 miles south of Ramp 23 and north of Ramp 27 for 1.0 miles. There is no through access between Ramps 23 and 27.

- **May 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.**



- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on northern and southern ends) 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 23 or 2.3 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for LETE breeding behavior.

### **Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet; 31.9 miles of ocean shoreline)**

#### **Ramp 27 - Ramp 30:** (2.1 miles)

Current Status: Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 and north of Ramp 30 for 0.6 of a mile. There is no through access between Ramps 27 and 30.

- **May 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for unfledged AMOY chicks.**
- May 21, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 24, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established (and then modified (expanded) on April 27, 2009) approximately 0.3 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior and unfledged AMOY chicks.
- April 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 24, 2009)
- April 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 28, 2009: The existing RESOURCE protection area was expanded to the south for observed American oystercatcher (AMOY) breeding behavior.
- March 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.1 miles north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

#### **Ramp 30 - Ramp 34:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30. There is no through access between Ramps 30 and 34.

- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile north of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)

**Ramp 34 - Ramp 38:** (3.9 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 34 is closed for ORV and pedestrian use. The beach is open for pedestrian access from **approximately 0.4** of a mile south of Ramp 34 to Ramp 38. There is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 34 and Ramp 38.

- **May 27, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior.**
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) immediately south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. There is currently no beach access from Ramp 34 for ORVs or pedestrians, however, the parking lot adjacent to Hwy. 12 will remain open for parking.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure in front of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established directly in front of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. Pedestrians will be routed around the backside of the closure for access to the beach.

**Ramp 38 - Ramp 43:** (6.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38. There is pedestrian access from approximately 6.0 miles south of Ramp 38 to Ramp 43. There is no through access for ORVs between Ramp 38 and Ramp 43.

- May 20, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp 38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.9 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary (now 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38), in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)
- April 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles south of Ramp 38), in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVS. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- April 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.9 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 2.8 miles long, beginning 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 38 to .4 of a mile north of Ramp 43, due to very narrow beaches. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

**Ramp 43 - Ramp 44:** (0.4 of a mile)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 43. There is no through access between Ramps 43 and 44.

- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 43 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 44 - Ramp 45:** (Cape Point: 2.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 44 is open to ORV use and there is ORV and pedestrian access 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 44. Salt Pond Road and Ramp 45 are closed. The Interdunal Road is open to pedestrian access.

- May 10 & 11, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified, Ramp 44 and 0.4 of a mile of ocean shoreline south of Ramp 44 re-opened for ORV use. The closure was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed PIPL and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified (expanded) for observed PIPL breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified a second time this week for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This modification closes Ramp 44 to ORV access.
- April 27, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified; this modification of 0.1 mile affected the ocean shoreline on the southern boundary of the closure, and the eastern boundary of the prenesting closure was expanded by 30 meters for observed AMOY and PIPL breeding behavior.
- On April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the ocean shoreline in front of Ramp 45 for observed PIPL breeding behavior. Ramp 45 is closed to ORV and pedestrian access just north of the dune line.
- On April 19, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 was modified (extended) 300 meters to the south for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure is now 0.4 of a mile in length and there is no ORV or pedestrian access within the resource protection area.
- On April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. There is currently not an alternative ORV access route to Cape Point.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Cape Point that included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure from approximately 0.2 miles south/west of Cape Point to approximately 0.3 east of Ramp 45; and allowed for an access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline. The total closure distance was approximately 1.0 mile in length. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 45 - Ramp 49:** (South Beach: 3.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 45 is closed. Access is also open from Ramp 49 for 1.6 miles east to where a RESOURCE protection area is located. There is no through access between Ramps 45 and 49.

- May 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed GBTE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed LETE breeding behavior. In addition, 0.2 of a mile of "limited access" within the closure is now closed to all entry for LETE breeding behavior.
- April 28, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) which further reduces the limited access section along the shoreline to 0.2 of a mile.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure was established on the western boundary of the existing South Beach pre-nesting area closure for observed AMOY breeding behavior which precludes ORV corridor access or pedestrian access along the lower beach.

- March 31, 2009: The western boundary of the existing full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was expanded by 50 meters due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing).
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established from approximately 0.2 miles to 0.7 miles west of Ramp 45 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Beach that included upper beach areas that encompass the dunes and extends towards the ocean but allows for an ORV corridor along the lower beach. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 49 - Ramp 55:** (5.9 miles; includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV use for 1.2 miles west of Ramp 49 to the Frisco line. There is pedestrian, but not ORV, access from the Frisco line to 0.1 of a mile east of Ramp 55.

- **May 27, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for unfledged AMOY chicks.**
- April 29, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was established (adjusted) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 5, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 29, 2009)
- March 13, 2009: A 150 meter buffer was established southwest of the Sandy Bay parking lot for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.7 miles long. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

**Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet:** (Hatteras Inlet Spit: 2.7 miles)

Current Status: ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 west to the southern exit of the Pole Road. Pole Road is open except in front of the Isabel overwash areas, where traffic is routed onto the beach due to a RESOURCE protection area. Cable Crossing and Spur Road are open to the sound shoreline. Sound access is open 110 meters south of Spur Road, where a RESOURCE protection area begins. Access to the inlet including the “Rip” is closed due to a RESOURCE protection area.

- March 30, 2009: Due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing), the eastern boundary of the Hatteras Inlet pre-nesting area was expanded for a total of 0.1 mile (50 meters east of the easternmost vandalized sign).
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Hatteras Inlet Spit that included the ocean beach from approximately 0.1 mile south of the southern exit of Pole Road south/west to the inlet, then along the inlet shoreline to the sound shoreline 110 meters south of the Spur Road. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the soundside at the Isabel overwash area that included portions of the Pole Road adjacent to the overwash fans. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area. Ocean shoreline access is open past this area.

**Ocracoke Island District (16.3 miles of ocean shoreline)**

**Hatteras Inlet (North Ocracoke Spit) to Ramp 59:** (1.4 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 59.

- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established and modified (expanded) on May 13, 2009, approximately 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.

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**Ramp 59 - Ramp 67:** (7.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV access for 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 and 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian, but not ORV access, from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67.

- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.6 miles southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)
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- April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 5.2 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

**Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (includes Ramp 68):** (3.9 miles; includes Ramp 68)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV for 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 67 and 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 70. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian access, but not ORV access, from Ramp 67 and Ramp 70.

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Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access on the ocean shoreline for **0.9** of a mile south of Ramp 72.

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**Mileage Summary: 2.6 miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; 6.6 miles open to pedestrians only; 4.4 miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); 2.0 miles closed to public access due to resource closures.**

**Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)** (1.2 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access, but not for ORV access.

- An ORV SAFETY closure is 1.2 miles long.

**Ramp 2 - Ramp 4** (2.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 2 is closed. The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from approximately 0.1 south of Ramp 2 to Ramp 4.

**Ramp 4 – Oregon Inlet** (Bodie Island Spit: 2.1 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4. Portions of the inlet shoreline south/west of the closure, outside of the existing pre-nesting and RESOURCE protection closure areas, remains open for boat landing/pedestrian access.

- **June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.**
- **May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.**
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior. This closure, 0.8 of a mile in length, affects the “limited access” area for pedestrians south of Ramp 4 on the ocean shoreline.
- May 4, 2009: The Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) closure was modified (reduced) and the original prenesting shoreline was re-established when an AMOY pair nested elsewhere.
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.7 miles south of Ramp 4 (southern tip of Bodie Island Spit) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. Although, this does not currently affect ORV access, the closure does affect a portion of limited beach access for pedestrians.
- April 25, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the south shore of the Bait Pond for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- On April 10, 2009: The North Shore/Bait Pond closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 27, 2009)
- April 2, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the north shore of the Bait Pond, under the Bonner Bridge and east to the tidal creek, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure precludes ORV access along the ocean shoreline 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4.
- April 2, 2009: Due to continuing erosion of the ocean shoreline, the existing RESOURCE protection area has been extended approximately 0.2 miles south, which precludes pedestrian access in the inter-tidal zone past the closure.
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.3 miles south of Ramp 4 along the ocean shoreline, as a result of observed piping plover breeding behavior.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established that included interior areas of the spit and the “pond” shoreline and allowed an ORV access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline to a point 1.4 miles south of Ramp 4 and pedestrian access to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access in the RESOURCE protection area.

**Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo:** (Pea Island NWR boundary to Ramp 23 - 3.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access.

**Ramp 23 - Ramp 27:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: **Ramp 23 is closed. Pedestrian may access the beach north or south of Ramp 23 by walking around the west side of the closure (staying out of the marked closure area) then crossing the dune to the open beach. There is ORV and pedestrian access north of Ramp 27 for 0.1 of a mile.**

- **June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established in front of Ramp 23 for observed LETE breeding behavior.**
- **June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.**
- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on northern and southern ends) 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 23 or 2.3 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for LETE breeding behavior.

**Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet; 33.3 miles of ocean shoreline)**

**Mileage Summary: 12.0 miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; 12.3 miles open to pedestrians only; 2.4 miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); 6.6 miles closed to public access due to resource closures.**

**Ramp 27 - Ramp 30:** (2.1 miles)

Current Status: Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access **110 meters south of Ramp 27** and north of Ramp 30 for 0.6 of a mile.

- **June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 110 meters south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.**
- **May 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.**
- **May 28, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was reduced when a pair of AMOY lost a nest. The original protection area was retained for observed continued breeding behavior.**
- May 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- May 21, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

- May 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 24, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established (and then modified (expanded) on April 27, 2009) approximately 0.3 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior and unfledged AMOY chicks.
- April 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 24, 2009)
- April 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 28, 2009: The existing RESOURCE protection area was expanded to the south for observed American oystercatcher (AMOY) breeding behavior.
- March 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.1 miles north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 30 - Ramp 34:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30.

- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile north of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)

**Ramp 34 - Ramp 38:** (3.9 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 34 is closed for ORV and pedestrian use. The beach is open for pedestrian access from approximately 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 34 to Ramp 38.

- May 27, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) immediately south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. There is currently no beach access from Ramp 34 for ORVs or pedestrians, however, the parking lot adjacent to Hwy. 12 will remain open for parking.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure in front of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established directly in front of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. Pedestrians will be routed around the backside of the closure for access to the beach.

**Ramp 38 - Ramp 43:** (6.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38. There is pedestrian access from approximately 6.0 miles south of Ramp 38 to Ramp 43.

- **June 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior.**

- May 20, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 3, 2009)
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp 38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.9 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary (now 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38), in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)
- April 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles south of Ramp 38), in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVS. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- April 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.9 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 2.8 miles long, beginning 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 38 to .4 of a mile north of Ramp 43, due to very narrow beaches. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

**Ramp 43 - Ramp 44:** (0.4 of a mile)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 43.

- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 43 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 44 - Ramp 45:** (Cape Point: 2.4 miles)

Current Status: **Ramp 44 is closed to ORV use. There pedestrian access on Ramp 44 and for 0.3 of a mile south of Ramp 44 on the ocean shoreline.** Salt Pond Road and Ramp 45 are closed. The Interdunal Road is open to pedestrian access.

- **May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Ramp 44 due to the presence of piping plover chicks at Cape Point. Ramp 44 is closed to ORV use. There is pedestrian access on Ramp 44 and for 0.3 of a mile of shoreline from Ramp 44.**
- May 10 & 11, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified, Ramp 44 and 0.4 of a mile of ocean shoreline south of Ramp 44 re-opened for ORV use. The closure was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed PIPL and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified (expanded) for observed PIPL breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified a second time this week for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This modification closes Ramp 44 to ORV access.
- April 27, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified; this modification of 0.1 mile affected the ocean shoreline on the southern boundary of the closure, and the eastern boundary of the prenesting closure was expanded by 30 meters for observed AMOY and PIPL breeding behavior.
- On April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the ocean shoreline in front of Ramp 45 for observed PIPL breeding behavior. Ramp 45 is closed to ORV and pedestrian access just north of the dune line.
- On April 19, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 was modified (extended) 300 meters to the south for observed AMOY breeding behavior.



This closure is now 0.4 of a mile in length and there is no ORV or pedestrian access within the resource protection area.

- On April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. There is currently not an alternative ORV access route to Cape Point.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Cape Point that included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure from approximately 0.2 miles south/west of Cape Point to approximately 0.3 east of Ramp 45; and allowed for an access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline. The total closure distance was approximately 1.0 mile in length. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 45 - Ramp 49:** (South Beach: 3.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 45 is closed. Access is also open from Ramp 49 for 1.6 miles east to where a RESOURCE protection area is located. There is no through access between Ramps 45 and 49.

- May 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed GBTE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed LETE breeding behavior. In addition, 0.2 of a mile of "limited access" within the closure is now closed to all entry for LETE breeding behavior.
- April 28, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) which further reduces the limited access section along the shoreline to 0.2 of a mile.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure was established on the western boundary of the existing South Beach pre-nesting area closure for observed AMOY breeding behavior which precludes ORV corridor access or pedestrian access along the lower beach.
- March 31, 2009: The western boundary of the existing full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was expanded by 50 meters due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing).
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established from approximately 0.2 miles to 0.7 miles west of Ramp 45 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Beach that included upper beach areas that encompass the dunes and extends towards the ocean but allows for an ORV corridor along the lower beach. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 49 - Ramp 55:** (5.9 miles; includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV use for 1.2 miles west of Ramp 49 to the Frisco line. There is pedestrian, but not ORV, access from the Frisco line to 0.1 of a mile east of Ramp 55.

- May 27, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- April 29, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was established (adjusted) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 5, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 29, 2009)
- March 13, 2009: A 150 meter buffer was established southwest of the Sandy Bay parking lot for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.7 miles long. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.



**Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet:** (Hatteras Inlet Spit: 2.7 miles)

Current Status: ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 west to the southern exit of the Pole Road. Pole Road is open except in front of the Isabel overwash areas, where traffic is routed onto the beach due to a RESOURCE protection area. Cable Crossing and Spur Road are open to the sound shoreline. Sound access is open 110 meters south of Spur Road, where a RESOURCE protection area begins. Access to the inlet including the “Rip” is closed due to a RESOURCE protection area.

- **June 1, 2009: At Hatteras Inlet the original pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) at Hatteras Inlet for AMOY chicks. The closure necessitates the closure of the Spur Road. ORV and pedestrian access is open for 0.8 of a mile along the sound shoreline from Cable Crossing Road to just south of the terminus of the Spur Road. ORV access is tide dependent.**
- March 30, 2009: Due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing), the eastern boundary of the Hatteras Inlet pre-nesting area was expanded for a total of 0.1 mile (50 meters east of the easternmost vandalized sign).
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Hatteras Inlet Spit that included the ocean beach from approximately 0.1 mile south of the southern exit of Pole Road south/west to the inlet, then along the inlet shoreline to the sound shoreline 110 meters south of the Spur Road. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the soundside at the Isabel overwash area that included portions of the Pole Road adjacent to the overwash fans. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area. Ocean shoreline access is open past this area.

**Ocracoke Island District** (18.6 miles of ocean shoreline)

**Mileage Summary: 7.3 miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; 7.1 miles open to pedestrians only; 1.0 miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); 3.2 miles closed to public access due to resource closures.**

**Hatteras Inlet (North Ocracoke Spit) to Ramp 59:** (1.4 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for **0.5** of a mile north of Ramp 59.

- **June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.**
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established and modified (expanded) on May 13, 2009, approximately 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at North Ocracoke Spit that included interior areas and the inlet shoreline and portions of the ocean shoreline. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 59 - Ramp 67:** (7.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV access for 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 and 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian, but not ORV access, from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67.

- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.6 miles southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)

- April 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 3 miles southwest of Ramp 59, in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED May 4, 2009)
- April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 5.2 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

**Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (includes Ramp 68):** (3.9 miles; includes Ramp 68)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV for 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 67 and 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 70. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian access, but not ORV access, from Ramp 67 and Ramp 70.

- May 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded & reduced), expanded by 0.1 of a mile on the northeast end of the existing closure and reduced by 0.3 of a mile on the southwestern end, located 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (extended) approximately 1.3 miles north of Ramp 70 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 15, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 70 - Ramp 72:** (1.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

**Ramp 72 to South Point:** (3.5 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access on the ocean shoreline for 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72.

- **June 4, 2009: A full beach closure was modified (expanded) 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior (nests).**
- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.3 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for observed BLSK and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 10, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile south of Ramp 72 for observed least tern breeding behavior.
- March 24, 2009: The pre-nesting area was expanded by 50 meters at two locations at the inlet due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing). One of the expansions precludes ORV access to the inlet shoreline. Pedestrian access is permitted below the tide line to portions of the inlet shoreline outside of the established pre-nesting area.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Point Ocracoke that included the sound shoreline, portions of the inlet shoreline, and interior portions of the spit; and allowed an access corridor along the ocean shoreline to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including piping plovers, American oystercatchers, colonial waterbirds (3 species of terns and black skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians, and pets.



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## National Park Service Beach Access Report for June 11, 2009

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Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches will be managed again this summer under the terms of the U.S. District Court approved consent decree. Park visitors can expect to see resource closures for breeding shorebirds in effect to varying degrees from mid-March to mid-to-late-August and turtle nesting closures may occur until early November. Shorebird pre-nesting closures have already been established at the inlets, Cape Point, and South Beach. As soon as subsequent breeding activity is observed, the consent decree requires that automatic, non-discretionary buffers be implemented.

The Beach Access Report is issued every Thursday throughout the breeding season, **and updated news will be reported weekly in bold, BLUE print.** **\*\*All distances are approximate.\*\*** The weekly Beach Access Report is complemented by a Google Earth map, which is updated up to 5 times per week as access conditions change. The latest Google Earth beach access map can be viewed at:  
<http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/googleearthmap.htm>

Note: Closure conditions may change in the field on short notice. **On-site signage, rather than the Beach Access Report or Google Earth map, is the most accurate and current indication of what is open or closed to the public.** Closed areas are clearly marked in the field with “symbolic fencing” consisting of wooden or carsonite posts, closure signs, string, and flagging tape. Knowledge of tidal changes and caution should be exercised while traveling the beaches of the park. Pets are prohibited in resource protection areas. Elsewhere, pets must be physically restrained at all time on a lease not exceeding 6 feet in length.

AMOY = American Oystercatcher, PIPL = Piping Plover, LETE = Least Terns, BLSK = Black Skimmers, COTE = Common Tern, GUTE = Gull-billed Terns

The National Park Service is committed to providing accurate and current information on the beach access and temporary resource closure issue for the visiting public and our community neighbors. We continue to receive questions about issues related to beach access and have developed a “Frequently Asked Questions” information sheet that is now posted on the Seashore’s website at: <http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/off-road-vehicle-use.htm>

Beach access mileage summaries are included for each district. The mileage is determined on a weekly basis using GIS data.

As a reminder, the seasonal ORV closures of designated beaches went into effect on May 15, 2009. For more information, please contact: [cyndy\\_holda@nps.gov](mailto:cyndy_holda@nps.gov) or call 252-473-2111, ext. 148.

### **Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27; 15.6 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: 2.6 miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; 6.6 miles open to pedestrians only; **4.3** miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); **2.2** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

**Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)** (1.2 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access, but not for ORV access.

- An ORV SAFETY closure is 1.2 miles long.

**Ramp 2 - Ramp 4** (2.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 2 is closed. The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from approximately 0.1 south of Ramp 2 to Ramp 4.

**Ramp 4 – Oregon Inlet** (Bodie Island Spit: 2.1 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4. Portions of the inlet shoreline south/west of the closure, outside of the existing pre-nesting and RESOURCE protection closure areas, remains open for boat landing/pedestrian access.

- **June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for unfledged AMOY chicks.**
- **June 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for unfledged AMOY chicks.**
- June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior. This closure, 0.8 of a mile in length, affects the “limited access” area for pedestrians south of Ramp 4 on the ocean shoreline.
- May 4, 2009: The Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) closure was modified (reduced) and the original prenesting shoreline was re-established when an AMOY pair nested elsewhere.
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.7 miles south of Ramp 4 (southern tip of Bodie Island Spit) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. Although, this does not currently affect ORV access, the closure does affect a portion of limited beach access for pedestrians.
- April 25, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the south shore of the Bait Pond for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- On April 10, 2009: The North Shore/Bait Pond closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 27, 2009)
- April 2, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the north shore of the Bait Pond, under the Bonner Bridge and east to the tidal creek, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure precludes ORV access along the ocean shoreline 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4.
- April 2, 2009: Due to continuing erosion of the ocean shoreline, the existing RESOURCE protection area has been extended approximately 0.2 miles south, which precludes pedestrian access in the inter-tidal zone past the closure.
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.3 miles south of Ramp 4 along the ocean shoreline, as a result of observed piping plover breeding behavior.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established that included interior areas of the spit and the “pond” shoreline and allowed an ORV access corridor along the

eastern ocean shoreline to a point 1.4 miles south of Ramp 4 and pedestrian access to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access in the RESOURCE protection area.

**Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo:** (Pea Island NWR boundary to Ramp 23 - 3.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access.

**Ramp 23 - Ramp 27:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 23 is closed. Pedestrian may access the beach north or south of Ramp 23 by walking around the west side of the closure (staying out of the marked closure area) then crossing the dune to the open beach. There is ORV and pedestrian access north of Ramp 27 for 0.1 of a mile.

- **June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.**
- **June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 23 for observed LETE breeding behavior.**
- June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established in front of Ramp 23 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- **May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on northern and southern ends) 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 23 or 2.3 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 8, 2009)**
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for LETE breeding behavior.

**Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet; 33.3 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: **9.8** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; **11.8** miles open to pedestrians only; **4.3** miles of "limited access" (open to pedestrians between closures); **7.3** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

**Ramp 27 - Ramp 30:** (2.1 miles)

Current Status: Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access 110 meters south of Ramp 27 and north of Ramp 30 for 0.6 of a mile.

- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 110 meters south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.
- May 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.
- May 28, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was reduced when a pair of AMOY lost a nest. The original protection area was retained for observed continued breeding behavior.
- May 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- May 21, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for AMOY breeding behavior.



- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 24, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established (and then modified (expanded) on April 27, 2009) approximately 0.3 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior and unfledged AMOY chicks.
- April 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 24, 2009)
- April 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 28, 2009: The existing RESOURCE protection area was expanded to the south for observed American oystercatcher (AMOY) breeding behavior.
- March 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.1 miles north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 30 - Ramp 34:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30.

- **June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.**
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile north of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)

**Ramp 34 - Ramp 38:** (3.9 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 34 is closed for ORV and pedestrian use. The beach is open for pedestrian access from approximately **0.5** of a mile south of Ramp 34 to Ramp 38.

- **June 8, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior.**
- May 27, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) immediately south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. There is currently no beach access from Ramp 34 for ORVs or pedestrians, however, the parking lot adjacent to Hwy. 12 will remain open for parking.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure in front of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.



- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established directly in front of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. Pedestrians will be routed around the backside of the closure for access to the beach.

**Ramp 38 - Ramp 43:** (6.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38. There is pedestrian access from approximately 6.0 miles south of Ramp 38 to Ramp 43.

- **June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for LETE breeding behavior.**
- June 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 20, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 3, 2009)
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp 38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.9 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary (now 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38), in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)
- April 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles south of Ramp 38), in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- April 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.9 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 2.8 miles long, beginning 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 38 to .4 of a mile north of Ramp 43, due to very narrow beaches. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

**Ramp 43 - Ramp 44:** (0.4 of a mile)

Current Status: **The beach is open for ORV access for 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 43 and for 0.4 of a mile for pedestrian access.**

- **June 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced and adjusted to the south) for unfledged AMOY chicks. The closure adjustment opens 0.1 of a mile to ORV access south of Ramp 43 and pedestrian access (staying out of the marked closure areas) via a pedestrian corridor along the ocean shoreline between Ramp 43 and Ramp 44.**
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 43 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 44 - Ramp 45:** (Cape Point: 2.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 44 is closed to ORV use. **Ramp 44 is open for pedestrian access to the ocean shoreline and north via the pedestrian corridor to Ramp 43.** Salt Pond Road and Ramp 45 are closed. The Interdunal Road is open to pedestrian access.

- **June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.**

- May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Ramp 44 due to the presence of piping plover chicks at Cape Point. Ramp 44 is closed to ORV use. There is pedestrian access on Ramp 44 and for 0.3 of a mile of shoreline from Ramp 44.
- May 10 & 11, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified, Ramp 44 and 0.4 of a mile of ocean shoreline south of Ramp 44 re-opened for ORV use. The closure was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed PIPL and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified (expanded) for observed PIPL breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified a second time this week for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This modification closes Ramp 44 to ORV access.
- April 27, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified; this modification of 0.1 mile affected the ocean shoreline on the southern boundary of the closure, and the eastern boundary of the prenesting closure was expanded by 30 meters for observed AMOY and PIPL breeding behavior.
- On April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the ocean shoreline in front of Ramp 45 for observed PIPL breeding behavior. Ramp 45 is closed to ORV and pedestrian access just north of the dune line.
- On April 19, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 was modified (extended) 300 meters to the south for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure is now 0.4 of a mile in length and there is no ORV or pedestrian access within the resource protection area.
- On April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. There is currently not an alternative ORV access route to Cape Point.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Cape Point that included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure from approximately 0.2 miles south/west of Cape Point to approximately 0.3 east of Ramp 45; and allowed for an access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline. The total closure distance was approximately 1.0 mile in length. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 45 - Ramp 49:** (South Beach: 3.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 45 is closed. Access is also open from Ramp 49 for 1.6 miles east to where a RESOURCE protection area is located. There is no through access between Ramps 45 and 49.

- May 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed GBTE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed LETE breeding behavior. In addition, 0.2 of a mile of “limited access” within the closure is now closed to all entry for LETE breeding behavior.
- April 28, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) which further reduces the limited access section along the shoreline to 0.2 of a mile.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure was established on the western boundary of the existing South Beach pre-nesting area closure for observed AMOY breeding behavior which precludes ORV corridor access or pedestrian access along the lower beach.
- March 31, 2009: The western boundary of the existing full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was expanded by 50 meters due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing).
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established from approximately 0.2 miles to 0.7 miles west of Ramp 45 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Beach that included upper beach areas that encompass the dunes and extends towards the ocean but allows for an

ORV corridor along the lower beach. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 49 - Ramp 55:** (5.9 miles; includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV use for 1.2 miles west of Ramp 49 to the Frisco line. There is pedestrian, but not ORV, access from the Frisco line to 0.1 of a mile east of Ramp 55.

- May 27, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- April 29, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was established (adjusted) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 5, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 29, 2009)
- March 13, 2009: A 150 meter buffer was established southwest of the Sandy Bay parking lot for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.7 miles long. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

**Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet:** (Hatteras Inlet Spit: 2.7 miles)

Current Status: **ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 west for approximately 1 mile. The Pole Road is open to ORV and pedestrians south to the north end of the Isabel overwash area where traffic is routed onto the beach due to a pre-nesting protection area. Cable Crossing and Spur Road (south of the Isabel overwash area) are closed. Access to the inlet and sound shoreline for ORVs and pedestrians, including the “Rip,” is closed due to a RESOURCE protection area.**

- **June 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1 mile south of Ramp 55 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. The closure necessitates the closure of Hatteras Spit south of the Isabel overwash area.**
- June 1, 2009: At Hatteras Inlet the original pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) at Hatteras Inlet for AMOY chicks. The closure necessitates the closure of the Spur Road. ORV and pedestrian access is open for 0.8 of a mile along the sound shoreline from Cable Crossing Road to just south of the terminus of the Spur Road. ORV access is tide dependent.
- March 30, 2009: Due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing), the eastern boundary of the Hatteras Inlet pre-nesting area was expanded for a total of 0.1 mile (50 meters east of the easternmost vandalized sign).
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Hatteras Inlet Spit that included the ocean beach from approximately 0.1 mile south of the southern exit of Pole Road south/west to the inlet, then along the inlet shoreline to the sound shoreline 110 meters south of the Spur Road. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the soundside at the Isabel overwash area that included portions of the Pole Road adjacent to the overwash fans. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area. Ocean shoreline access is open past this area.

**Ocracoke Island District** (18.6 miles of ocean shoreline)

Mileage Summary: 7.3 miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; 7.1 miles open to pedestrians only; 1.0 miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); 3.2 miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

**Hatteras Inlet (North Ocracoke Spit) to Ramp 59:** (1.4 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.5 of a mile north of Ramp 59.

- June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.

- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established and modified (expanded) on May 13, 2009, approximately 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at North Ocracoke Spit that included interior areas and the inlet shoreline and portions of the ocean shoreline. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 59 - Ramp 67:** (7.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV access for 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 and 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian, but not ORV access, from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67.

- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.6 miles southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)
- April 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 3 miles southwest of Ramp 59, in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED May 4, 2009)
- April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 5.2 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

**Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (includes Ramp 68):** (3.9 miles; includes Ramp 68)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV for 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 67 and 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 70. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian access, but not ORV access, from Ramp 67 and Ramp 70.

- May 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded & reduced), expanded by 0.1 of a mile on the northeast end of the existing closure and reduced by 0.3 of a mile on the southwestern end, located 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (extended) approximately 1.3 miles north of Ramp 70 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 15, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 70 - Ramp 72:** (1.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

**Ramp 72 to South Point:** (3.5 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access on the ocean shoreline for 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72.

- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure was modified (expanded) 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.

- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.3 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for observed BLSK and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 10, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile south of Ramp 72 for observed least tern breeding behavior.
- March 24, 2009: The pre-nesting area was expanded by 50 meters at two locations at the inlet due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing). One of the expansions precludes ORV access to the inlet shoreline. Pedestrian access is permitted below the tide line to portions of the inlet shoreline outside of the established pre-nesting area.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Point Ocracoke that included the sound shoreline, portions of the inlet shoreline, and interior portions of the spit; and allowed an access corridor along the ocean shoreline to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including piping plovers, American oystercatchers, colonial waterbirds (3 species of terns and black skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians, and pets.

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## National Park Service Beach Access Report for June 18, 2009

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Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches will be managed again this summer under the terms of the U.S. District Court approved consent decree. Park visitors can expect to see resource closures for breeding shorebirds in effect to varying degrees from mid-March to mid-to-late-August and turtle nesting closures may occur until early November. Shorebird pre-nesting closures have already been established at the inlets, Cape Point, and South Beach. As soon as subsequent breeding activity is observed, the consent decree requires that automatic, non-discretionary buffers be implemented.

The Beach Access Report is issued every Thursday throughout the breeding season, **and updated news will be reported weekly in bold, BLUE print.** **\*\*All distances are approximate.\*\*** The weekly Beach Access Report is complemented by a Google Earth map, which is updated up to 5 times per week as access conditions change. The latest Google Earth beach access map can be viewed at:  
<http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/googleearthmap.htm>

Note: Closure conditions may change in the field on short notice. **On-site signage, rather than the Beach Access Report or Google Earth map, is the most accurate and current indication of what is open or closed to the public.** Closed areas are clearly marked in the field with “symbolic fencing” consisting of wooden or carsonite posts, closure signs, string, and flagging tape. Knowledge of tidal changes and caution should be exercised while traveling the beaches of the park. Pets are prohibited in resource protection areas. Elsewhere, pets must be physically restrained at all time on a lease not exceeding 6 feet in length.

AMOY = American Oystercatcher, PIPL = Piping Plover, LETE = Least Terns, BLSK = Black Skimmers, COTE = Common Tern, GUTE = Gull-billed Terns, WIPL = Wilson’s Plover

The National Park Service is committed to providing accurate and current information on the beach access and temporary resource closure issue for the visiting public and our community neighbors. We continue to receive questions about issues related to beach access and have developed a “Frequently Asked Questions” information sheet that is now posted on the Seashore’s website at: <http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/off-road-vehicle-use.htm>

Beach access mileage summaries are included for each district. The mileage is determined on a weekly basis using GIS data.

As a reminder, the seasonal ORV closures of designated beaches went into effect on May 15, 2009. For more information, please contact: [cyndy\\_holda@nps.gov](mailto:cyndy_holda@nps.gov) or call 252-473-2111, ext. 148.

### **Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27; 15.6 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: 2.6 miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; 6.6 miles open to pedestrians only; **4.2** miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); **2.3** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.



**Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)** (1.2 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access, but not for ORV access.

- An ORV SAFETY closure is 1.2 miles long.

**Ramp 2 - Ramp 4** (2.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 2 is closed. The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from approximately 0.1 south of Ramp 2 to Ramp 4.

**Ramp 4 – Oregon Inlet** (Bodie Island Spit: 2.1 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4. Portions of the inlet shoreline south/west of the closure, outside of the existing pre-nesting and RESOURCE protection closure areas, remains open for boat landing/pedestrian access.

- **June 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.**
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior. This closure, 0.8 of a mile in length, affects the “limited access” area for pedestrians south of Ramp 4 on the ocean shoreline.
- May 4, 2009: The Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) closure was modified (reduced) and the original prenesting shoreline was re-established when an AMOY pair nested elsewhere.
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.7 miles south of Ramp 4 (southern tip of Bodie Island Spit) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. Although, this does not currently affect ORV access, the closure does affect a portion of limited beach access for pedestrians.
- April 25, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the south shore of the Bait Pond for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- On April 10, 2009: The North Shore/Bait Pond closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 27, 2009)
- April 2, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the north shore of the Bait Pond, under the Bonner Bridge and east to the tidal creek, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure precludes ORV access along the ocean shoreline 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4.
- April 2, 2009: Due to continuing erosion of the ocean shoreline, the existing RESOURCE protection area has been extended approximately 0.2 miles south, which precludes pedestrian access in the intertidal zone past the closure.
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.3 miles south of Ramp 4 along the ocean shoreline, as a result of observed piping plover breeding behavior.

- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established that included interior areas of the spit and the “pond” shoreline and allowed an ORV access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline to a point 1.4 miles south of Ramp 4 and pedestrian access to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access in the RESOURCE protection area.

**Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo:** (Pea Island NWR boundary to Ramp 23 - 3.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access.

**Ramp 23 - Ramp 27:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 23 is closed. Pedestrian may access the beach north or south of Ramp 23 by walking around the west side of the closure (staying out of the marked closure area) then crossing the dune to the open beach. There is ORV and pedestrian access north of Ramp 27 for 0.1 of a mile.

- **June 15, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded to the west, north and south) for observed LETE breeding behavior and chicks.**
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 23 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established in front of Ramp 23 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on northern and southern ends) 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 23 or 2.3 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 8, 2009)
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for LETE breeding behavior.

**Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet; 33.3 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: **9.9** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; **11.3** miles open to pedestrians only; **5.9** miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); **8.0** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

**Ramp 27 - Ramp 30:** (2.1 miles)

Current Status: Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access 110 meters south of Ramp 27 and north of Ramp 30 for **0.7** of a mile.

- **June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on south end) 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.**
- **June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on north end, reduced on south end) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.**
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 110 meters south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.

- May 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.
- May 28, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was reduced when a pair of AMOY lost a nest. The original protection area was retained for observed continued breeding behavior.
- May 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- May 21, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 24, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established (and then modified (expanded) on April 27, 2009) approximately 0.3 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior and unfledged AMOY chicks.
- April 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 24, 2009)
- April 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 28, 2009: The existing RESOURCE protection area was expanded to the south for observed American oystercatcher (AMOY) breeding behavior.
- March 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.1 miles north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 30 - Ramp 34:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30.

- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile north of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)

**Ramp 34 - Ramp 38:** (3.9 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 34 is closed for ORV and pedestrian use. The beach is open for pedestrian access from approximately 0.5 of a mile south of Ramp 34 to Ramp 38.

- June 8, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior.

- May 27, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) immediately south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. There is currently no beach access from Ramp 34 for ORVs or pedestrians, however, the parking lot adjacent to Hwy. 12 will remain open for parking.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure in front of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established directly in front of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. Pedestrians will be routed around the backside of the closure for access to the beach.

**Ramp 38 - Ramp 43:** (6.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38. There is pedestrian access from approximately 6.0 miles south of Ramp 38 to Ramp 43.

- **June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.**
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for LETE breeding behavior.
- June 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 20, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 3, 2009)
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp 38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp 38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.9 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary (now 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38), in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)
- April 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- April 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.9 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 2.8 miles long, beginning 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 38 to .4 of a mile north of Ramp 43, due to very narrow beaches. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

**Ramp 43 - Ramp 44:** (0.4 of a mile)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV access for 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 43 and for 0.4 of a mile for pedestrian access.

- June 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced and adjusted to the south) for unfledged AMOY chicks. The closure adjustment opens 0.1 of a mile to ORV access

south of Ramp 43 and pedestrian access (staying out of the marked closure areas) via a pedestrian corridor along the ocean shoreline between Ramp 43 and Ramp 44.

- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 43 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 44 - Ramp 45:** (Cape Point: 2.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 44 is closed to ORV use. Ramp 44 is open for pedestrian access to the ocean shoreline and north via the pedestrian corridor to Ramp 43. Salt Pond Road and Ramp 45 are closed. The Interdunal Road is open to pedestrian access.

- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Ramp 44 due to the presence of piping plover chicks at Cape Point. Ramp 44 is closed to ORV use. There is pedestrian access on Ramp 44 and for 0.3 of a mile of shoreline from Ramp 44.
- May 10 & 11, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified, Ramp 44 and 0.4 of a mile of ocean shoreline south of Ramp 44 re-opened for ORV use. The closure was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed PIPL and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified (expanded) for observed PIPL breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified a second time this week for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This modification closes Ramp 44 to ORV access.
- April 27, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified; this modification of 0.1 mile affected the ocean shoreline on the southern boundary of the closure, and the eastern boundary of the prenesting closure was expanded by 30 meters for observed AMOY and PIPL breeding behavior.
- On April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the ocean shoreline in front of Ramp 45 for observed PIPL breeding behavior. Ramp 45 is closed to ORV and pedestrian access just north of the dune line.
- On April 19, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 was modified (extended) 300 meters to the south for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure is now 0.4 of a mile in length and there is no ORV or pedestrian access within the resource protection area.
- On April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. There is currently not an alternative ORV access route to Cape Point.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Cape Point that included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure from approximately 0.2 miles south/west of Cape Point to approximately 0.3 east of Ramp 45; and allowed for an access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline. The total closure distance was approximately 1.0 mile in length. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 45 - Ramp 49:** (South Beach: 3.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 45 is closed. Access is also open from Ramp 49 for 1.6 miles east to where a RESOURCE protection area is located. There is no through access between Ramps 45 and 49.

- May 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed GBTE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed LETE breeding behavior. In addition, 0.2 of a mile of "limited access" within the closure is now closed to all entry for LETE breeding behavior.



- April 28, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) which further reduces the limited access section along the shoreline to 0.2 of a mile.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure was established on the western boundary of the existing South Beach pre-nesting area closure for observed AMOY breeding behavior which precludes ORV corridor access or pedestrian access along the lower beach.
- March 31, 2009: The western boundary of the existing full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was expanded by 50 meters due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing).
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established from approximately 0.2 miles to 0.7 miles west of Ramp 45 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Beach that included upper beach areas that encompass the dunes and extends towards the ocean but allows for an ORV corridor along the lower beach. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 49 - Ramp 55:** (5.9 miles; includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV use for 1.2 miles west of Ramp 49 to the Frisco line. There is pedestrian, but not ORV, access from the Frisco line to 0.1 of a mile east of Ramp 55.

- May 27, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- April 29, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was established (adjusted) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 5, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 29, 2009)
- March 13, 2009: A 150 meter buffer was established southwest of the Sandy Bay parking lot for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.7 miles long. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

**Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet:** (Hatteras Inlet Spit: 2.7 miles)

Current Status: ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 west for approximately 1 mile. The Pole Road is open to ORV and pedestrians south to the north end of the Isabel overwash area where traffic is routed onto the beach due to a pre-nesting protection area. Cable Crossing and Spur Road (south of the Isabel overwash area) are closed. Access to the inlet and sound shoreline for ORVs and pedestrians, including the "Rip," is closed due to a RESOURCE protection area.

- June 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1 mile south of Ramp 55 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. The closure necessitates the closure of Hatteras Spit south of the Isabel overwash area.
- June 1, 2009: At Hatteras Inlet the original pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) at Hatteras Inlet for AMOY chicks. The closure necessitates the closure of the Spur Road. ORV and pedestrian access is open for 0.8 of a mile along the sound shoreline from Cable Crossing Road to just south of the terminus of the Spur Road. ORV access is tide dependent.
- March 30, 2009: Due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing), the eastern boundary of the Hatteras Inlet pre-nesting area was expanded for a total of 0.1 mile (50 meters east of the easternmost vandalized sign).
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Hatteras Inlet Spit that included the ocean beach from approximately 0.1 mile south of the southern exit of Pole Road south/west to the inlet, then along the inlet shoreline to the sound shoreline 110 meters south of the Spur Road. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the soundside at the Isabel overwash area that included portions of the Pole Road adjacent to the overwash fans. There



is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area. Ocean shoreline access is open past this area.

### **Ocracoke Island District** (18.6 miles of ocean shoreline)

Mileage Summary: **6.4** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; **7.8** miles open to pedestrians only; 1.0 miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); **3.4** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

#### **Hatteras Inlet (North Ocracoke Spit) to Ramp 59:** (1.4 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.5 of a mile north of Ramp 59.

- June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established and modified (expanded) on May 13, 2009, approximately 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at North Ocracoke Spit that included interior areas and the inlet shoreline and portions of the ocean shoreline. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

#### **Ramp 59 - Ramp 67:** (7.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV access for 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 and 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian, but not ORV access, from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67.

- **June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.5 mile north of Ramp 59 for LETE chicks.**
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.6 miles southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)
- April 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 3 miles southwest of Ramp 59, in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED May 4, 2009)
- April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 5.2 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

#### **Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (includes Ramp 68):** (3.9 miles; includes Ramp 68)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV for 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 67 and 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 70. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian access, but not ORV access, from Ramp 67 and Ramp 70.

- May 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded & reduced), expanded by 0.1 of a mile on the northeast end of the existing closure and reduced by 0.3 of a

mile on the southwestern end, located 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

- April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (extended) approximately 1.3 miles north of Ramp 70 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 15, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 70 - Ramp 72:** (1.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

**Ramp 72 to South Point:** (3.5 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access on the ocean shoreline for **0.2** of a mile south of Ramp 72.

- **June 12, 2009: A full beach closure was modified (expanded) 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for unfledged Piping Plover chicks.**
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure was modified (expanded) 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.3 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for observed BLSK and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 10, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile south of Ramp 72 for observed least tern breeding behavior.
- March 24, 2009: The pre-nesting area was expanded by 50 meters at two locations at the inlet due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing). One of the expansions precludes ORV access to the inlet shoreline. Pedestrian access is permitted below the tide line to portions of the inlet shoreline outside of the established pre-nesting area.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Point Ocracoke that included the sound shoreline, portions of the inlet shoreline, and interior portions of the spit; and allowed an access corridor along the ocean shoreline to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including piping plovers, American oystercatchers, colonial waterbirds (3 species of terns and black skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians, and pets.

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## National Park Service Beach Access Report for June 25, 2009

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Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches will be managed again this summer under the terms of the U.S. District Court approved consent decree. Park visitors can expect to see resource closures for breeding shorebirds in effect to varying degrees from mid-March to mid-to-late-August and turtle nesting closures may occur until early November. Shorebird pre-nesting closures have already been established at the inlets, Cape Point, and South Beach. As soon as subsequent breeding activity is observed, the consent decree requires that automatic, non-discretionary buffers be implemented.

The Beach Access Report is issued every Thursday throughout the breeding season, **and updated news will be reported weekly in bold, BLUE print.** **\*\*All distances are approximate.\*\*** The weekly Beach Access Report is complemented by a Google Earth map, which is updated up to 5 times per week as access conditions change. The latest Google Earth beach access map can be viewed at:  
<http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/googleearthmap.htm>

Note: Closure conditions may change in the field on short notice. **On-site signage, rather than the Beach Access Report or Google Earth map, is the most accurate and current indication of what is open or closed to the public.** Closed areas are clearly marked in the field with “symbolic fencing” consisting of wooden or carsonite posts, closure signs, string, and flagging tape. Knowledge of tidal changes and caution should be exercised while traveling the beaches of the park. Pets are prohibited in resource protection areas. Elsewhere, pets must be physically restrained at all time on a lease not exceeding 6 feet in length.

AMOY = American Oystercatcher, PIPL = Piping Plover, LETE = Least Terns, BLSK = Black Skimmers, COTE = Common Tern, GUTE = Gull-billed Terns, WIPL = Wilson’s Plover

The National Park Service is committed to providing accurate and current information on the beach access and temporary resource closure issue for the visiting public and our community neighbors. We continue to receive questions about issues related to beach access and have developed a “Frequently Asked Questions” information sheet that is now posted on the Seashore’s website at: <http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/off-road-vehicle-use.htm>

Beach access mileage summaries are included for each district. The mileage is determined on a weekly basis using GIS data.

As a reminder, the seasonal ORV closures of designated beaches went into effect on May 15, 2009. For more information, please contact: [cyndy\\_holda@nps.gov](mailto:cyndy_holda@nps.gov) or call 252-473-2111, ext. 148.

### **Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27; 15.7 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: **2.9** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; **6.5** miles open to pedestrians only; **3.8** miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); **2.5** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

**Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)** (1.2 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access, but not for ORV access.

- An ORV SAFETY closure is 1.2 miles long.

**Ramp 2 - Ramp 4** (2.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 2 is closed. The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from approximately 0.1 south of Ramp 2 to Ramp 4.

**Ramp 4 – Oregon Inlet** (Bodie Island Spit: 2.1 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for **0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 4**. Portions of the inlet shoreline south/west of the closure, outside of the existing pre-nesting and RESOURCE protection closure areas, remains open for boat landing/pedestrian access.

- **June 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced) 0.5 of a mile south of Ramp 4. Approximately 0.3 of a mile of shoreline was opened to pedestrian and ORV access.**
- June 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior. This closure, 0.8 of a mile in length, affects the “limited access” area for pedestrians south of Ramp 4 on the ocean shoreline.
- May 4, 2009: The Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) closure was modified (reduced) and the original prenesting shoreline was re-established when an AMOY pair nested elsewhere.
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.7 miles south of Ramp 4 (southern tip of Bodie Island Spit) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. Although, this does not currently affect ORV access, the closure does affect a portion of limited beach access for pedestrians.
- April 25, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the south shore of the Bait Pond for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- On April 10, 2009: The North Shore/Bait Pond closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 27, 2009)
- April 2, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the north shore of the Bait Pond, under the Bonner Bridge and east to the tidal creek, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure precludes ORV access along the ocean shoreline 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4.

- April 2, 2009: Due to continuing erosion of the ocean shoreline, the existing RESOURCE protection area has been extended approximately 0.2 miles south, which precludes pedestrian access in the inter-tidal zone past the closure.
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.3 miles south of Ramp 4 along the ocean shoreline, as a result of observed piping plover breeding behavior.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established that included interior areas of the spit and the “pond” shoreline and allowed an ORV access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline to a point 1.4 miles south of Ramp 4 and pedestrian access to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access in the RESOURCE protection area.

**Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo:** (Pea Island NWR boundary to Ramp 23 - 3.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access.

**Ramp 23 - Ramp 27:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 23 is closed. Pedestrian may access the beach north or south of Ramp 23 by walking around the west side of the closure (staying out of the marked closure area) then crossing the dune to the open beach. **North of Ramp 27 there is limited access for 120 meters.**

- **June 22, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) immediately adjacent (north) of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded) for unfledged LETTE chicks.**
- **June 18, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.9 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for unfledged LETTE chicks.**
- June 15, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded to the west, north and south) for observed LETTE breeding behavior and chicks.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETTE breeding behavior.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 23 for observed LETTE breeding behavior.
- June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established in front of Ramp 23 for observed LETTE breeding behavior.
- June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETTE breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETTE breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on northern and southern ends) 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 23 or 2.3 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETTE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 8, 2009)
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETTE breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETTE breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for LETTE breeding behavior.

**Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet; 33.4 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: **12.7** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; **12.0** miles open to pedestrians only; **1.7** miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); **7.0** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.



**Ramp 27 - Ramp 30:** (2.1 miles)

Current Status: Beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access 110 meters south of Ramp 27 and north of Ramp 30 for **0.7** of a mile.

- **June 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.**
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on south end) 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on north end, reduced on south end) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 110 meters south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.
- May 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.
- May 28, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was reduced when a pair of AMOY lost a nest. The original protection area was retained for observed continued breeding behavior.
- May 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- May 21, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 24, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established (and then modified (expanded) on April 27, 2009) approximately 0.3 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior and unfledged AMOY chicks.
- April 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 24, 2009)
- April 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 28, 2009: The existing RESOURCE protection area was expanded to the south for observed American oystercatcher (AMOY) breeding behavior.
- March 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.1 miles north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 30 - Ramp 34:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 **and for 2.4 of a mile north of Ramp 34.**



- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile north of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)

**Ramp 34 - Ramp 38:** (3.9 miles)

Current Status: **Ramp 34 is open for ORV and pedestrian use. The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access north of Ramp 38 for approximately 2.4 miles and for approximately 0.4 of a mile south to the Avon Village seasonal closure.**

- June 8, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 23, 2009)
- May 27, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) immediately south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. There is currently no beach access from Ramp 34 for ORVs or pedestrians, however, the parking lot adjacent to Hwy. 12 will remain open for parking.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure in front of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established directly in front of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. Pedestrians will be routed around the backside of the closure for access to the beach.

**Ramp 38 - Ramp 43:** (6.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38. There is pedestrian access from approximately 6.0 miles south of Ramp 38 to Ramp 43.

- **June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on the northern end, reduced on the southern end) 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.**
- **June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.**
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for LETE breeding behavior.
- June 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 20, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 3, 2009)
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp 38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 18, 2009)
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp 38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.9 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary (now 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38), in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)
- April 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles south of Ramp 38), in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- April 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.9 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 2.8 miles long, beginning 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 38 to .4 of a mile north of Ramp 43, due to very narrow beaches. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

**Ramp 43 - Ramp 44:** (0.4 of a mile)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV access for 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 43 and for 0.4 of a mile for pedestrian access.

- June 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced and adjusted to the south) for unfledged AMOY chicks. The closure adjustment opens 0.1 of a mile to ORV access south of Ramp 43 and pedestrian access (staying out of the marked closure areas) via a pedestrian corridor along the ocean shoreline between Ramp 43 and Ramp 44.
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 43 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 44 - Ramp 45:** (Cape Point: 2.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 44 is closed to ORV use. Ramp 44 is open for pedestrian access to the ocean shoreline and north via the pedestrian corridor to Ramp 43. Salt Pond Road and Ramp 45 are closed. The Interdunal Road is open to pedestrian access.

- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at the southern end of Cape Point for LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Ramp 44 due to the presence of piping plover chicks at Cape Point. Ramp 44 is closed to ORV use. There is pedestrian access on Ramp 44 and for 0.3 of a mile of shoreline from Ramp 44.
- May 10 & 11, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified, Ramp 44 and 0.4 of a mile of ocean shoreline south of Ramp 44 re-opened for ORV use. The closure was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed PIPL and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified (expanded) for observed PIPL breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified a second time this week for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This modification closes Ramp 44 to ORV access.
- April 27, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified; this modification of 0.1 mile affected the ocean shoreline on the southern boundary of the closure, and the eastern boundary of the prenesting closure was expanded by 30 meters for observed AMOY and PIPL breeding behavior.
- On April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the ocean shoreline in front of Ramp 45 for observed PIPL breeding behavior. Ramp 45 is closed to ORV and pedestrian access just north of the dune line.
- On April 19, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 was modified (extended) 300 meters to the south for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure is now 0.4 of a mile in length and there is no ORV or pedestrian access within the resource protection area.

- On April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. There is currently not an alternative ORV access route to Cape Point.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Cape Point that included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure from approximately 0.2 miles south/west of Cape Point to approximately 0.3 east of Ramp 45; and allowed for an access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline. The total closure distance was approximately 1.0 mile in length. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 45 - Ramp 49:** (South Beach: 3.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 45 is closed. Access is also open from Ramp 49 for 1.6 miles east to where a RESOURCE protection area is located. There is no through access between Ramps 45 and 49.

- May 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed GBTE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed LETE breeding behavior. In addition, 0.2 of a mile of "limited access" within the closure is now closed to all entry for LETE breeding behavior.
- April 28, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) which further reduces the limited access section along the shoreline to 0.2 of a mile.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure was established on the western boundary of the existing South Beach pre-nesting area closure for observed AMOY breeding behavior which precludes ORV corridor access or pedestrian access along the lower beach.
- March 31, 2009: The western boundary of the existing full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was expanded by 50 meters due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing).
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established from approximately 0.2 miles to 0.7 miles west of Ramp 45 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Beach that included upper beach areas that encompass the dunes and extends towards the ocean but allows for an ORV corridor along the lower beach. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 49 - Ramp 55:** (5.9 miles; includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV use for 1.2 miles west of Ramp 49 to the Frisco line. There is pedestrian, but not ORV, access from the Frisco line to 0.1 of a mile east of Ramp 55.

- May 27, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- April 29, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was established (adjusted) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 5, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 29, 2009)
- March 13, 2009: A 150 meter buffer was established southwest of the Sandy Bay parking lot for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.7 miles long. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

**Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet:** (Hatteras Inlet Spit: 2.7 miles)

Current Status: ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 west for approximately 1 mile. The Pole Road is open to ORV and pedestrians south to the north end of the Isabel overwash area where traffic is routed onto the beach due to a pre-nesting protection area. Cable Crossing and

Spur Road (south of the Isabel overwash area) are closed. Access to the inlet and sound shoreline for ORVs and pedestrians, including the “Rip,” is closed due to a RESOURCE protection area.

- **June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 1.0 mile south of Ramp 55 was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.**
- June 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.0 mile south of Ramp 55 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. The closure necessitates the closure of Hatteras Spit south of the Isabel overwash area.
- June 1, 2009: At Hatteras Inlet the original pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) at Hatteras Inlet for AMOY chicks. The closure necessitates the closure of the Spur Road. ORV and pedestrian access is open for 0.8 of a mile along the sound shoreline from Cable Crossing Road to just south of the terminus of the Spur Road. ORV access is tide dependent. **(REMOVED: June 23, 2009)**
- March 30, 2009: Due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing), the eastern boundary of the Hatteras Inlet pre-nesting area was expanded for a total of 0.1 mile (50 meters east of the easternmost vandalized sign).
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Hatteras Inlet Spit that included the ocean beach from approximately 0.1 mile south of the southern exit of Pole Road south/west to the inlet, then along the inlet shoreline to the sound shoreline 110 meters south of the Spur Road. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the soundside at the Isabel overwash area that included portions of the Pole Road adjacent to the overwash fans. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area. Ocean shoreline access is open past this area.

### **Ocracoke Island District (18.4 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: 6.4 miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; 7.8 miles open to pedestrians only; **0.6** miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); **3.6** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

#### **Hatteras Inlet (North Ocracoke Spit) to Ramp 59:** (1.4 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.5 of a mile north of Ramp 59.

- June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established and modified (expanded) on May 13, 2009, approximately 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at North Ocracoke Spit that included interior areas and the inlet shoreline and portions of the ocean shoreline. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

#### **Ramp 59 - Ramp 67:** (7.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV access for 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 and 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian, but not ORV access, from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67.

- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.5 mile north of Ramp 59 for LETE chicks.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.6 miles southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. **(REMOVED: May 7, 2009)**

- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)
- April 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 3 miles southwest of Ramp 59, in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED May 4, 2009)
- April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 5.2 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

**Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (includes Ramp 68):** (3.9 miles; includes Ramp 68)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV for 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 67 and 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 70. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian access, but not ORV access, from Ramp 67 and Ramp 70.

- May 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded & reduced), expanded by 0.1 of a mile on the northeast end of the existing closure and reduced by 0.3 of a mile on the southwestern end, located 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (extended) approximately 1.3 miles north of Ramp 70 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 15, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 70 - Ramp 72:** (1.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

**Ramp 72 to South Point:** (3.5 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access on the ocean shoreline for **0.2** of a mile south of Ramp 72.

- **June 18, 2009: A full beach closure was modified (expanded) 1.1 miles south of Ramp 72 for unfledged LETE chicks. This modification closes almost all of the “limited access” area on the east side of South Point.**
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure was modified (expanded) 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for unfledged Piping Plover chicks.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure was modified (expanded) 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.3 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for observed BLSK and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 10, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile south of Ramp 72 for observed least tern breeding behavior.
- March 24, 2009: The pre-nesting area was expanded by 50 meters at two locations at the inlet due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing). One of the expansions precludes ORV access to the inlet shoreline. Pedestrian access is permitted below the tide line to portions of the inlet shoreline outside of the established pre-nesting area.

- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Point Ocracoke that included the sound shoreline, portions of the inlet shoreline, and interior portions of the spit; and allowed an access corridor along the ocean shoreline to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including piping plovers, American oystercatchers, colonial waterbirds (3 species of terns and black skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians, and pets.

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**Correction on June 25, 2009 Beach Access Report:**

**Ramp 30 - Ramp 34:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 and for 2.4 of a mile north of Ramp 34 (and 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 34 to the Avon Village line.)

**Ramp 34 - Ramp 38:** (3.9 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 34 is open for ORV and pedestrian use (see above). The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 38 north to the Avon Village line and south to the Haulover area.



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## National Park Service Beach Access Report for July 2, 2009

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Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches will be managed again this summer under the terms of the U.S. District Court approved consent decree. Park visitors can expect to see resource closures for breeding shorebirds in effect to varying degrees from mid-March to mid-to-late-August and turtle nesting closures may occur until early November. Shorebird pre-nesting closures have already been established at the inlets, Cape Point, and South Beach. As soon as subsequent breeding activity is observed, the consent decree requires that automatic, non-discretionary buffers be implemented.

The Beach Access Report is issued every Thursday throughout the breeding season, **and updated news will be reported weekly in bold, BLUE print.** **\*\*All distances are approximate.\*\*** The weekly Beach Access Report is complemented by a Google Earth map, which is updated up to 5 times per week as access conditions change. The latest Google Earth beach access map can be viewed at:  
<http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/googleearthmap.htm>

Note: Closure conditions may change in the field on short notice. **On-site signage, rather than the Beach Access Report or Google Earth map, is the most accurate and current indication of what is open or closed to the public.** Closed areas are clearly marked in the field with “symbolic fencing” consisting of wooden or carsonite posts, closure signs, string, and flagging tape. Knowledge of tidal changes and caution should be exercised while traveling the beaches of the park. Pets are prohibited in resource protection areas. Elsewhere, pets must be physically restrained at all time on a lease not exceeding 6 feet in length.

AMOY = American Oystercatcher, PIPL = Piping Plover, LETE = Least Terns, BLSK = Black Skimmers, COTE = Common Tern, GUTE = Gull-billed Terns, WIPL = Wilson’s Plover

The National Park Service is committed to providing accurate and current information on the beach access and temporary resource closure issue for the visiting public and our community neighbors. We continue to receive questions about issues related to beach access and have developed a “Frequently Asked Questions” information sheet that is now posted on the Seashore’s website at: <http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/off-road-vehicle-use.htm>

Beach access mileage summaries are included for each district. The mileage is determined on a weekly basis using GIS data.

As a reminder, the seasonal ORV closures of designated beaches went into effect on May 15, 2009. For more information, please contact: [cyndy\\_holda@nps.gov](mailto:cyndy_holda@nps.gov) or call 252-473-2111, ext. 148.

### **Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27; 15.6 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: **2.8** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; 6.5 miles open to pedestrians only; 3.8 miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); 2.5 miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

**Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)** (1.2 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access, but not for ORV access.

- An ORV SAFETY closure is 1.2 miles long.

**Ramp 2 - Ramp 4** (2.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 2 is closed. The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from approximately 0.1 south of Ramp 2 to Ramp 4.

**Ramp 4 – Oregon Inlet** (Bodie Island Spit: 2.1 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 4. Portions of the inlet shoreline south/west of the closure, outside of the existing pre-nesting and RESOURCE protection closure areas, remains open for boat landing/pedestrian access.

- June 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced) 0.5 of a mile south of Ramp 4. Approximately 0.3 of a mile of shoreline was opened to pedestrian and ORV access.
- June 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior. This closure, 0.8 of a mile in length, affects the “limited access” area for pedestrians south of Ramp 4 on the ocean shoreline.
- May 4, 2009: The Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) closure was modified (reduced) and the original prenesting shoreline was re-established when an AMOY pair nested elsewhere.
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.7 miles south of Ramp 4 (southern tip of Bodie Island Spit) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. Although, this does not currently affect ORV access, the closure does affect a portion of limited beach access for pedestrians.
- April 25, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the south shore of the Bait Pond for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- On April 10, 2009: The North Shore/Bait Pond closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 27, 2009)
- April 2, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the north shore of the Bait Pond, under the Bonner Bridge and east to the tidal creek, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure precludes ORV access along the ocean shoreline 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4.

- April 2, 2009: Due to continuing erosion of the ocean shoreline, the existing RESOURCE protection area has been extended approximately 0.2 miles south, which precludes pedestrian access in the inter-tidal zone past the closure.
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.3 miles south of Ramp 4 along the ocean shoreline, as a result of observed piping plover breeding behavior.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established that included interior areas of the spit and the “pond” shoreline and allowed an ORV access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline to a point 1.4 miles south of Ramp 4 and pedestrian access to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access in the RESOURCE protection area.

**Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo:** (Pea Island NWR boundary to Ramp 23 - 3.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access.

**Ramp 23 - Ramp 27:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: **Ramp 23 is closed to ORV and pedestrian access.**

- **June 29, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was expanded by 50 meters due to deliberate violations (vandalism of the barricade and fencing).**
- June 22, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) immediately adjacent (north) of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded) for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 18, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.9 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 15, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded to the west, north and south) for observed LETE breeding behavior and chicks.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 23 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established in front of Ramp 23 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on northern and southern ends) 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 23 or 2.3 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 8, 2009)
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for LETE breeding behavior.

**Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet; 33.4 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: **12.5** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; **11.9** miles open to pedestrians only; **1.8** miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); **7.2** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

**Ramp 27 - Ramp 30:** (2.1 miles)

Current Status: **Ramp 27 is closed to ORV and pedestrian access.**

- **June 28, 2009: Full beach closures (RESOURCE protection area) on either side of Ramp 27 were expanded by 50 meters due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing).**
- June 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on south end) 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on north end, reduced on south end) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 110 meters south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.
- May 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.
- May 28, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was reduced when a pair of AMOY lost a nest. The original protection area was retained for observed continued breeding behavior.
- May 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- May 21, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 24, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established (and then modified (expanded) on April 27, 2009) approximately 0.3 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior and unfledged AMOY chicks.
- April 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 24, 2009)
- April 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 28, 2009: The existing RESOURCE protection area was expanded to the south for observed American oystercatcher (AMOY) breeding behavior.
- March 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.1 miles north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 30 - Ramp 34:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 and for 2.4 miles north of Ramp 34 (and 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 34 to the Avon Village line.)

- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile north of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)

**Ramp 34 - Ramp 38:** (3.9 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 34 is open for ORV and pedestrian use (see above.) The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 38 north to the Avon Village line and south to the Haulover area.

- June 8, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 23, 2009)
- May 27, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) immediately south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. There is currently no beach access from Ramp 34 for ORVs or pedestrians, however, the parking lot adjacent to Hwy. 12 will remain open for parking.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure in front of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established directly in front of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. Pedestrians will be routed around the backside of the closure for access to the beach.

**Ramp 38 - Ramp 43:** (6.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for **1.6** miles south of Ramp 38. There is pedestrian access from approximately 6.0 miles south of Ramp 38 to Ramp 43.

- **June 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38 for unfledged LETE chicks.**
- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on the northern end, reduced on the southern end) 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for LETE breeding behavior.
- June 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 20, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 3, 2009)
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp 38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 18, 2009)



- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp 38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.9 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary (now 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38), in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)
- April 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- April 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.9 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 2.8 miles long, beginning 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 38 to .4 of a mile north of Ramp 43, due to very narrow beaches. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

**Ramp 43 - Ramp 44:** (0.4 of a mile)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV access for 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 43 and for 0.4 of a mile for pedestrian access.

- June 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced and adjusted to the south) for unfledged AMOY chicks. The closure adjustment opens 0.1 of a mile to ORV access south of Ramp 43 and pedestrian access (staying out of the marked closure areas) via a pedestrian corridor along the ocean shoreline between Ramp 43 and Ramp 44.
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 43 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 44 - Ramp 45:** (Cape Point: 2.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 44 is closed to ORV use. Ramp 44 is open for pedestrian access to the ocean shoreline and north via the pedestrian corridor to Ramp 43. Salt Pond Road and Ramp 45 are closed. The Interdunal Road is open to pedestrian access.

- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at the southern end of Cape Point for LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Ramp 44 due to the presence of piping plover chicks at Cape Point. Ramp 44 is closed to ORV use. There is pedestrian access on Ramp 44 and for 0.3 of a mile of shoreline from Ramp 44.
- May 10 & 11, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified, Ramp 44 and 0.4 of a mile of ocean shoreline south of Ramp 44 re-opened for ORV use. The closure was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed PIPL and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified (expanded) for observed PIPL breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified a second time this week for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This modification closes Ramp 44 to ORV access.
- April 27, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified; this modification of 0.1 mile affected the ocean shoreline on the southern boundary of the closure, and the eastern boundary of the prenesting closure was expanded by 30 meters for observed AMOY and PIPL breeding behavior.

- On April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the ocean shoreline in front of Ramp 45 for observed PIPL breeding behavior. Ramp 45 is closed to ORV and pedestrian access just north of the dune line.
- On April 19, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 was modified (extended) 300 meters to the south for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure is now 0.4 of a mile in length and there is no ORV or pedestrian access within the resource protection area.
- On April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. There is currently not an alternative ORV access route to Cape Point.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Cape Point that included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure from approximately 0.2 miles south/west of Cape Point to approximately 0.3 east of Ramp 45; and allowed for an access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline. The total closure distance was approximately 1.0 mile in length. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 45 - Ramp 49:** (South Beach: 3.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 45 is closed. Access is also open from Ramp 49 for 1.7 miles east to where a RESOURCE protection area is located. There is no through access between Ramps 45 and 49.

- **July 2, 2009: The westernmost boundary of the South Beach pre-nesting area was modified (reduced) as LETE chicks hatch and move within the interior of the closure.**
- May 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed GBTE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed LETE breeding behavior. In addition, 0.2 of a mile of "limited access" within the closure is now closed to all entry for LETE breeding behavior.
- April 28, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) which further reduces the limited access section along the shoreline to 0.2 of a mile.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure was established on the western boundary of the existing South Beach pre-nesting area closure for observed AMOY breeding behavior which precludes ORV corridor access or pedestrian access along the lower beach.
- March 31, 2009: The western boundary of the existing full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was expanded by 50 meters due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing).
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established from approximately 0.2 miles to 0.7 miles west of Ramp 45 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Beach that included upper beach areas that encompass the dunes and extends towards the ocean but allows for an ORV corridor along the lower beach. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 49 - Ramp 55:** (5.9 miles; includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV use for 1.2 miles west of Ramp 49 to the Frisco line. There is pedestrian, but not ORV, access from the Frisco line to 0.1 of a mile east of Ramp 55.

- May 27, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- April 29, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was established (adjusted) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 5, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 29, 2009)

- March 13, 2009: A 150 meter buffer was established southwest of the Sandy Bay parking lot for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.7 miles long. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

**Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet:** (Hatteras Inlet Spit: 2.7 miles)

Current Status: ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 west for approximately 1 mile. The Pole Road is open to ORV and pedestrians south to the north end of the Isabel overwash area where traffic is routed onto the beach due to a pre-nesting protection area. Cable Crossing and Spur Road (south of the Isabel overwash area) are closed. Access to the inlet and sound shoreline for ORVs and pedestrians, including the “Rip,” is closed due to a RESOURCE protection area.

- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 1.0 mile south of Ramp 55 was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.0 mile south of Ramp 55 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. The closure necessitates the closure of Hatteras Spit south of the Isabel overwash area.
- June 1, 2009: At Hatteras Inlet the original pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) at Hatteras Inlet for AMOY chicks. The closure necessitates the closure of the Spur Road. ORV and pedestrian access is open for 0.8 of a mile along the sound shoreline from Cable Crossing Road to just south of the terminus of the Spur Road. ORV access is tide dependent. (REMOVED: June 23, 2009)
- March 30, 2009: Due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing), the eastern boundary of the Hatteras Inlet pre-nesting area was expanded for a total of 0.1 mile (50 meters east of the easternmost vandalized sign).
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Hatteras Inlet Spit that included the ocean beach from approximately 0.1 mile south of the southern exit of Pole Road south/west to the inlet, then along the inlet shoreline to the sound shoreline 110 meters south of the Spur Road. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the soundside at the Isabel overwash area that included portions of the Pole Road adjacent to the overwash fans. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area. Ocean shoreline access is open past this area.

**Ocracoke Island District (18.3 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: 6.4 miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; **8.2** miles open to pedestrians only; **0.6** miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); **3.2** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

**Hatteras Inlet (North Ocracoke Spit) to Ramp 59:** (1.4 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.5 of a mile north of Ramp 59.

- June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established and modified (expanded) on May 13, 2009, approximately 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at North Ocracoke Spit that included interior areas and the inlet shoreline and portions of the ocean shoreline. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 59 - Ramp 67:** (7.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV access for 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 and 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian, but not ORV access, from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67.

- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.5 mile north of Ramp 59 for LETE chicks.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.6 miles southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)
- April 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 3 miles southwest of Ramp 59, in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED May 4, 2009)
- April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 5.2 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

**Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (includes Ramp 68):** (3.9 miles; includes Ramp 68)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV for 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 67 and 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 70. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. **There is pedestrian access from Ramp 67 and Ramp 70.**

- May 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. **(REMOVED: July 2, 2009)**
- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded & reduced), expanded by 0.1 of a mile on the northeast end of the existing closure and reduced by 0.3 of a mile on the southwestern end, located 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (extended) approximately 1.3 miles north of Ramp 70 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 15, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 70 - Ramp 72:** (1.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

**Ramp 72 to South Point:** (3.5 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access on the ocean shoreline for 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 72.

- **June 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at South Point for unfledged AMOY chicks. Approximately 0.7 of a mile of “limited access” shoreline at the inlet is closed to public entry. “No landing” signs have been posted.**
- June 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.1 miles south of Ramp 72 for unfledged LETE chicks. This modification closes almost all of the “limited access” area on the east side of South Point.

- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for unfledged Piping Plover chicks.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.3 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for observed BLSK and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 10, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile south of Ramp 72 for observed least tern breeding behavior.
- March 24, 2009: The pre-nesting area was expanded by 50 meters at two locations at the inlet due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing). One of the expansions precludes ORV access to the inlet shoreline. Pedestrian access is permitted below the tide line to portions of the inlet shoreline outside of the established pre-nesting area.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Point Ocracoke that included the sound shoreline, portions of the inlet shoreline, and interior portions of the spit; and allowed an access corridor along the ocean shoreline to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including piping plovers, American oystercatchers, colonial waterbirds (3 species of terns and black skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians, and pets.

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## National Park Service Beach Access Report for July 9, 2009

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Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches will be managed again this summer under the terms of the U.S. District Court approved consent decree. Park visitors can expect to see resource closures for breeding shorebirds in effect to varying degrees from mid-March to mid-to-late-August and turtle nesting closures may occur until early November. Shorebird pre-nesting closures have already been established at the inlets, Cape Point, and South Beach. As soon as subsequent breeding activity is observed, the consent decree requires that automatic, non-discretionary buffers be implemented.

The Beach Access Report is issued every Thursday throughout the breeding season, **and updated news will be reported weekly in bold, BLUE print.** **\*\*All distances are approximate.\*\*** The weekly Beach Access Report is complemented by a Google Earth map, which is updated up to 5 times per week as access conditions change. The latest Google Earth beach access map can be viewed at:  
<http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/googleearthmap.htm>

Note: Closure conditions may change in the field on short notice. **On-site signage, rather than the Beach Access Report or Google Earth map, is the most accurate and current indication of what is open or closed to the public.** Closed areas are clearly marked in the field with “symbolic fencing” consisting of wooden or carsonite posts, closure signs, string, and flagging tape. Knowledge of tidal changes and caution should be exercised while traveling the beaches of the park. Pets are prohibited in resource protection areas. Elsewhere, pets must be physically restrained at all time on a lease not exceeding 6 feet in length.

AMOY = American Oystercatcher, PIPL = Piping Plover, LETE = Least Terns, BLSK = Black Skimmers, COTE = Common Tern, GUTE = Gull-billed Terns, WIPL = Wilson’s Plover

The National Park Service is committed to providing accurate and current information on the beach access and temporary resource closure issue for the visiting public and our community neighbors. We continue to receive questions about issues related to beach access and have developed a “Frequently Asked Questions” information sheet that is now posted on the Seashore’s website at: <http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/off-road-vehicle-use.htm>

Beach access mileage summaries are included for each district. The mileage is determined on a weekly basis using GIS data.

As a reminder, the seasonal ORV closures of designated beaches went into effect on May 15, 2009. For more information, please contact: [cyndy\\_holda@nps.gov](mailto:cyndy_holda@nps.gov) or call 252-473-2111, ext. 148.

### **Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27; 15.3 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: **2.8** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; **6.3** miles open to pedestrians only; **3.5** miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); **2.7** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.



**Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)** (1.2 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access, but not for ORV access.

- An ORV SAFETY closure is 1.2 miles long.

**Ramp 2 - Ramp 4** (2.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 2 is closed. The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from approximately 0.1 south of Ramp 2 to Ramp 4.

**Ramp 4 – Oregon Inlet** (Bodie Island Spit: 2.1 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 4. Portions of the inlet shoreline south/west of the closure, outside of the existing pre-nesting and RESOURCE protection closure areas, remains open for boat landing/pedestrian access.

- June 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced) 0.5 of a mile south of Ramp 4. Approximately 0.3 of a mile of shoreline was opened to pedestrian and ORV access.
- June 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior. This closure, 0.8 of a mile in length, affects the “limited access” area for pedestrians south of Ramp 4 on the ocean shoreline.
- May 4, 2009: The Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) closure was modified (reduced) and the original prenesting shoreline was re-established when an AMOY pair nested elsewhere.
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.7 miles south of Ramp 4 (southern tip of Bodie Island Spit) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. Although, this does not currently affect ORV access, the closure does affect a portion of limited beach access for pedestrians.
- April 25, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the south shore of the Bait Pond for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- On April 10, 2009: The North Shore/Bait Pond closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 27, 2009)
- April 2, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the north shore of the Bait Pond, under the Bonner Bridge and east to the tidal creek, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure precludes ORV access along the ocean shoreline 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4.

- April 2, 2009: Due to continuing erosion of the ocean shoreline, the existing RESOURCE protection area has been extended approximately 0.2 miles south, which precludes pedestrian access in the inter-tidal zone past the closure.
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.3 miles south of Ramp 4 along the ocean shoreline, as a result of observed piping plover breeding behavior.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established that included interior areas of the spit and the “pond” shoreline and allowed an ORV access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline to a point 1.4 miles south of Ramp 4 and pedestrian access to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access in the RESOURCE protection area.

**Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo:** (Pea Island NWR boundary to Ramp 23 - 3.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access.

**Ramp 23 - Ramp 27:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 23 is closed to ORV and pedestrian access.

- **July 4, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary for observed unfledged LETTE chicks.**
- **July 3, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.9 of a mile north of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded) for observed unfledged LETTE chicks.**
- June 29, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was expanded by 50 meters due to deliberate violations (vandalism of the barricade and fencing).
- June 22, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) immediately adjacent (north) of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded) for unfledged LETTE chicks.
- June 18, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.9 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for unfledged LETTE chicks.
- June 15, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded to the west, north and south) for observed LETTE breeding behavior and chicks.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETTE breeding behavior.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 23 for observed LETTE breeding behavior.
- June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established in front of Ramp 23 for observed LETTE breeding behavior.
- June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETTE breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETTE breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on northern and southern ends) 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 23 or 2.3 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETTE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 8, 2009)
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETTE breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETTE breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for LETTE breeding behavior.

**Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet; 33.3 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: **14.1** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; **12.3** miles open to pedestrians only; **0.1** miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); **6.8** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

**Ramp 27 - Ramp 30:** (2.1 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 27 is closed to ORV and pedestrian access.

- **July 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was modified (expanded) for observed unfledged AMOY chicks.**
- June 28, 2009: Full beach closures (RESOURCE protection area) on either side of Ramp 27 were expanded by 50 meters due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing).
- June 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on south end) 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on north end, reduced on south end) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 110 meters south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.
- May 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.
- May 28, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was reduced when a pair of AMOY lost a nest. The original protection area was retained for observed continued breeding behavior.
- May 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- May 21, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 24, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established (and then modified (expanded) on April 27, 2009) approximately 0.3 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior and unfledged AMOY chicks.
- April 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 24, 2009)
- April 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

- March 28, 2009: The existing RESOURCE protection area was expanded to the south for observed American oystercatcher (AMOY) breeding behavior.
- March 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.1 miles north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 30 - Ramp 34:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 and for 2.4 miles north of Ramp 34 (and 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 34 to the Avon Village line.)

- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile north of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)

**Ramp 34 - Ramp 38:** (3.9 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 34 is open for ORV and pedestrian use (see above.) The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 38 north to the Avon Village line and south to the Haulover area.

- June 8, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 23, 2009)
- May 27, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) immediately south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. There is currently no beach access from Ramp 34 for ORVs or pedestrians, however, the parking lot adjacent to Hwy. 12 will remain open for parking.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure in front of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established directly in front of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. Pedestrians will be routed around the backside of the closure for access to the beach.

**Ramp 38 - Ramp 43:** (6.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38. There is pedestrian access from approximately 6.0 miles south of Ramp 38 to Ramp 43.

- June 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on the northern end, reduced on the southern end) 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for LETE breeding behavior.
- June 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior.

- May 20, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 3, 2009)
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp 38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 18, 2009)
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.9 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary (now 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38), in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)
- April 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles south of Ramp 38), in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVS. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- April 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.9 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 2.8 miles long, beginning 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 38 to .4 of a mile north of Ramp 43, due to very narrow beaches. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

**Ramp 43 - Ramp 44:** (0.4 of a mile)

Current Status: **The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 43 to Ramp 44.**

- June 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced and adjusted to the south) for unfledged AMOY chicks. The closure adjustment opens 0.1 of a mile to ORV access south of Ramp 43 and pedestrian access (staying out of the marked closure areas) via a pedestrian corridor along the ocean shoreline between Ramp 43 and Ramp 44.
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 43 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 44 - Ramp 45:** (Cape Point: 2.4 miles)

Current Status: **Ramp 44 is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 to 60 meters south of Ramp 44.** Salt Pond Road and Ramp 45 are closed. The Interdunal Road is open to pedestrian access.

- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at the southern end of Cape Point for LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced to north, expanded to south) at Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Ramp 44 due to the presence of piping plover chicks at Cape Point. Ramp 44 is closed to ORV use. **(REMOVED: July 8, 2009)**
- May 10 & 11, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified, Ramp 44 and 0.4 of a mile of ocean shoreline south of Ramp 44 re-opened for ORV use. The closure was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed PIPL and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified (expanded) for observed PIPL breeding behavior.



- April 29, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified a second time this week for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This modification closes Ramp 44 to ORV access.
- April 27, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified; this modification of 0.1 mile affected the ocean shoreline on the southern boundary of the closure, and the eastern boundary of the prenesting closure was expanded by 30 meters for observed AMOY and PIPL breeding behavior.
- On April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the ocean shoreline in front of Ramp 45 for observed PIPL breeding behavior. Ramp 45 is closed to ORV and pedestrian access just north of the dune line.
- On April 19, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 was modified (extended) 300 meters to the south for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure is now 0.4 of a mile in length and there is no ORV or pedestrian access within the resource protection area.
- On April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. There is currently not an alternative ORV access route to Cape Point.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Cape Point that included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure from approximately 0.2 miles south/west of Cape Point to approximately 0.3 east of Ramp 45; and allowed for an access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline. The total closure distance was approximately 1.0 mile in length. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 45 - Ramp 49:** (South Beach: 3.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 45 is closed. Access is also open from Ramp 49 for 1.7 miles east to where a RESOURCE protection area is located. There is no through access between Ramps 45 and 49.

- July 2, 2009: The westernmost boundary of the South Beach pre-nesting area was modified (reduced) as LETE chicks hatch and move within the interior of the closure.
- May 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed GBTE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed LETE breeding behavior. In addition, 0.2 of a mile of "limited access" within the closure is now closed to all entry for LETE breeding behavior.
- April 28, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) which further reduces the limited access section along the shoreline to 0.2 of a mile.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure was established on the western boundary of the existing South Beach pre-nesting area closure for observed AMOY breeding behavior which precludes ORV corridor access or pedestrian access along the lower beach.
- March 31, 2009: The western boundary of the existing full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was expanded by 50 meters due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing).
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established from approximately 0.2 miles to 0.7 miles west of Ramp 45 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Beach that included upper beach areas that encompass the dunes and extends towards the ocean but allows for an ORV corridor along the lower beach. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 49 - Ramp 55:** (5.9 miles; includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV use for 1.2 miles west of Ramp 49 to the Frisco line. There is pedestrian, but not ORV, access from the Frisco line to 0.1 of a mile east of Ramp 55.



- May 27, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- April 29, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was established (adjusted) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 5, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 29, 2009)
- March 13, 2009: A 150 meter buffer was established southwest of the Sandy Bay parking lot for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.7 miles long. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

**Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet:** (Hatteras Inlet Spit: 2.7 miles)

Current Status: **ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south/west for approximately 2 miles.** The Pole Road is open to ORV and pedestrians south to the north end of the Isabel overwash area where traffic is routed onto the beach due to a pre-nesting protection area. **Cable Crossing and Spur Road (south of the Isabel overwash area) are open.** Access to the inlet for ORVs and pedestrians, including the “Rip,” is closed due to a RESOURCE protection area.

- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 1.0 mile south of Ramp 55 was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 9, 2009)
- June 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.0 mile south of Ramp 55 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. The closure necessitates the closure of Hatteras Spit south of the Isabel overwash area.
- June 1, 2009: At Hatteras Inlet the original pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) at Hatteras Inlet for AMOY chicks. The closure necessitates the closure of the Spur Road. ORV and pedestrian access is open for 0.8 of a mile along the sound shoreline from Cable Crossing Road to just south of the terminus of the Spur Road. ORV access is tide dependent. (REMOVED: June 23, 2009)
- March 30, 2009: Due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing), the eastern boundary of the Hatteras Inlet pre-nesting area was expanded for a total of 0.1 mile (50 meters east of the easternmost vandalized sign).
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Hatteras Inlet Spit that included the ocean beach from approximately 0.1 mile south of the southern exit of Pole Road south/west to the inlet, then along the inlet shoreline to the sound shoreline 110 meters south of the Spur Road. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the soundside at the Isabel overwash area that included portions of the Pole Road adjacent to the overwash fans. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area. Ocean shoreline access is open past this area.

**Ocracoke Island District (18.4 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: **6.7** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; **7.9** miles open to pedestrians only; **0.0** miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); **3.8** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

**Hatteras Inlet (North Ocracoke Spit) to Ramp 59:** (1.4 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.5 of a mile north of Ramp 59.

- June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established and modified (expanded) on May 13, 2009, approximately 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.

- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at North Ocracoke Spit that included interior areas and the inlet shoreline and portions of the ocean shoreline. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 59 - Ramp 67:** (7.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV access for 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 and 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian, but not ORV access, from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67.

- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.5 mile north of Ramp 59 for LETE chicks.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.6 miles southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)
- April 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 3 miles southwest of Ramp 59, in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED May 4, 2009)
- April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 5.2 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

**Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (includes Ramp 68):** (3.9 miles; includes Ramp 68)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV for 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 67 and 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 70. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian access from Ramp 67 and Ramp 70.

- May 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 2, 2009)
- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded & reduced), expanded by 0.1 of a mile on the northeast end of the existing closure and reduced by 0.3 of a mile on the southwestern end, located 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (extended) approximately 1.3 miles north of Ramp 70 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 15, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 70 - Ramp 72:** (1.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

**Ramp 72 to South Point:** (3.5 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access on the ocean shoreline for 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 72.

- **July 3, 2009: The South Point closure south of Ramp 72 was modified (reduced) which opens 0.5 of a mile of ocean shoreline for ORV access and a pedestrian only corridor extends south for another 0.4 of a mile.**
- June 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at South Point for unfledged AMOY chicks. Approximately 0.7 of a mile of “limited access” shoreline at the inlet is closed to public entry. “No landing” signs have been posted.
- June 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.1 miles south of Ramp 72 for unfledged LETE chicks. This modification closes almost all of the “limited access” area on the east side of South Point.
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for unfledged Piping Plover chicks.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.3 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for observed BLSK and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 10, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile south of Ramp 72 for observed least tern breeding behavior.
- March 24, 2009: The pre-nesting area was expanded by 50 meters at two locations at the inlet due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing). One of the expansions precludes ORV access to the inlet shoreline. Pedestrian access is permitted below the tide line to portions of the inlet shoreline outside of the established pre-nesting area.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Point Ocracoke that included the sound shoreline, portions of the inlet shoreline, and interior portions of the spit; and allowed an access corridor along the ocean shoreline to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including piping plovers, American oystercatchers, colonial waterbirds (3 species of terns and black skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians, and pets.

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## National Park Service Beach Access Report for July 16, 2009

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Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches will be managed again this summer under the terms of the U.S. District Court approved consent decree. Park visitors can expect to see resource closures for breeding shorebirds in effect to varying degrees from mid-March to mid-to-late-August and turtle nesting closures may occur until early November. Shorebird pre-nesting closures have already been established at the inlets, Cape Point, and South Beach. As soon as subsequent breeding activity is observed, the consent decree requires that automatic, non-discretionary buffers be implemented.

The Beach Access Report is issued every Thursday throughout the breeding season, **and updated news will be reported weekly in bold, BLUE print.** **\*\*All distances are approximate.\*\*** The weekly Beach Access Report is complemented by a Google Earth map, which is updated up to 5 times per week as access conditions change. The latest Google Earth beach access map can be viewed at:  
<http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/googleearthmap.htm>

Note: Closure conditions may change in the field on short notice. **On-site signage, rather than the Beach Access Report or Google Earth map, is the most accurate and current indication of what is open or closed to the public.** Closed areas are clearly marked in the field with “symbolic fencing” consisting of wooden or carsonite posts, closure signs, string, and flagging tape. Knowledge of tidal changes and caution should be exercised while traveling the beaches of the park. Pets are prohibited in resource protection areas. Elsewhere, pets must be physically restrained at all time on a lease not exceeding 6 feet in length.

AMOY = American Oystercatcher, PIPL = Piping Plover, LETE = Least Terns, BLSK = Black Skimmers, COTE = Common Tern, GUTE = Gull-billed Terns, WIPL = Wilson’s Plover

The National Park Service is committed to providing accurate and current information on the beach access and temporary resource closure issue for the visiting public and our community neighbors. We continue to receive questions about issues related to beach access and have developed a “Frequently Asked Questions” information sheet that is now posted on the Seashore’s website at: <http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/off-road-vehicle-use.htm>

Beach access mileage summaries are included for each district. The mileage is determined on a weekly basis using GIS data.

As a reminder, the seasonal ORV closures of designated beaches went into effect on May 15, 2009. For more information, please contact: [cyndy\\_holda@nps.gov](mailto:cyndy_holda@nps.gov) or call 252-473-2111, ext. 148.

### **Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27; 15.3 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: 2.8 miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; 6.3 miles open to pedestrians only; 3.5 miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); 2.7 miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

**Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)** (1.2 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access, but not for ORV access.

- An ORV SAFETY closure is 1.2 miles long.

**Ramp 2 - Ramp 4** (2.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 2 is closed. The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from approximately 0.1 south of Ramp 2 to Ramp 4.

**Ramp 4 – Oregon Inlet** (Bodie Island Spit: 2.1 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 4. Portions of the inlet shoreline south/west of the closure, outside of the existing pre-nesting and RESOURCE protection closure areas, remains open for boat landing/pedestrian access.

- June 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced) 0.5 of a mile south of Ramp 4. Approximately 0.3 of a mile of shoreline was opened to pedestrian and ORV access.
- June 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior. This closure, 0.8 of a mile in length, affects the “limited access” area for pedestrians south of Ramp 4 on the ocean shoreline.
- May 4, 2009: The Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) closure was modified (reduced) and the original prenesting shoreline was re-established when an AMOY pair nested elsewhere.
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.7 miles south of Ramp 4 (southern tip of Bodie Island Spit) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. Although, this does not currently affect ORV access, the closure does affect a portion of limited beach access for pedestrians.
- April 25, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the south shore of the Bait Pond for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- On April 10, 2009: The North Shore/Bait Pond closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 27, 2009)
- April 2, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the north shore of the Bait Pond, under the Bonner Bridge and east to the tidal creek, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure precludes ORV access along the ocean shoreline 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4.



- April 2, 2009: Due to continuing erosion of the ocean shoreline, the existing RESOURCE protection area has been extended approximately 0.2 miles south, which precludes pedestrian access in the inter-tidal zone past the closure.
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.3 miles south of Ramp 4 along the ocean shoreline, as a result of observed piping plover breeding behavior.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established that included interior areas of the spit and the “pond” shoreline and allowed an ORV access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline to a point 1.4 miles south of Ramp 4 and pedestrian access to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access in the RESOURCE protection area.

**Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo:** (Pea Island NWR boundary to Ramp 23 - 3.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access.

**Ramp 23 - Ramp 27:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 23 is closed to ORV and pedestrian access.

- **July 15, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded) on the southern boundary for observed unfledged LETE chicks.**
- July 4, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary for observed unfledged LETE chicks.
- July 3, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.9 of a mile north of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded) for observed unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 29, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was expanded by 50 meters due to deliberate violations (vandalism of the barricade and fencing).
- June 22, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) immediately adjacent (north) of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded) for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 18, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.9 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 15, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded to the west, north and south) for observed LETE breeding behavior and chicks.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 23 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established in front of Ramp 23 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on northern and southern ends) 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 23 or 2.3 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 8, 2009)
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for LETE breeding behavior.



**Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet; 33.2 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: **15.0** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; **12.1** miles open to pedestrians only; **0.1** miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); **6.0** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

**Ramp 27 - Ramp 30:** (2.1 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 27 is closed to ORV and pedestrian access.

- **July 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was modified (expanded) for observed unfledged AMOY chicks.**
- July 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was modified (expanded) for observed unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 28, 2009: Full beach closures (RESOURCE protection area) on either side of Ramp 27 were expanded by 50 meters due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing).
- June 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on south end) 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on north end, reduced on south end) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 110 meters south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.
- May 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.
- May 28, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was reduced when a pair of AMOY lost a nest. The original protection area was retained for observed continued breeding behavior.
- May 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- May 21, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 24, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established (and then modified (expanded) on April 27, 2009) approximately 0.3 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior and unfledged AMOY chicks.
- April 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 24, 2009)

- April 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 28, 2009: The existing RESOURCE protection area was expanded to the south for observed American oystercatcher (AMOY) breeding behavior.
- March 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.1 miles north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 30 - Ramp 34:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 and for 2.4 miles north of Ramp 34 (and 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 34 to the Avon Village line.)

- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. **(REMOVED: July 15, 2009)**
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. **(REMOVED: July 15, 2009)**
- April 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile north of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. **(REMOVED: May 13, 2009)**

**Ramp 34 - Ramp 38:** (3.9 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 34 is open for ORV and pedestrian use (see above.) The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 38 north to the Avon Village line and south to the Haulover area.

- June 8, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. **(REMOVED: June 23, 2009)**
- May 27, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) immediately south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. There is currently no beach access from Ramp 34 for ORVs or pedestrians, however, the parking lot adjacent to Hwy. 12 will remain open for parking.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure in front of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established directly in front of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. Pedestrians will be routed around the backside of the closure for access to the beach.

**Ramp 38 - Ramp 43:** (6.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38. There is pedestrian access from approximately 6.0 miles south of Ramp 38 to Ramp 43.

- **July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38 for unfledged LETE chicks.**
- **July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 2.3 miles south of Ramp 39 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.**
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on July 16. There will be a pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window."**
- June 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38 for unfledged LETE chicks.

- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on the northern end, reduced on the southern end) 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for LETE breeding behavior.
- June 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 20, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 3, 2009)
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp 38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 18, 2009)
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp 38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.9 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary (now 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38), in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)
- April 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- April 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.9 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 2.8 miles long, beginning 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 38 to .4 of a mile north of Ramp 43, due to very narrow beaches. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

**Ramp 43 - Ramp 44:** (0.4 of a mile)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 43 to Ramp 44.

- June 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced and adjusted to the south) for unfledged AMOY chicks. The closure adjustment opens 0.1 of a mile to ORV access south of Ramp 43 and pedestrian access (staying out of the marked closure areas) via a pedestrian corridor along the ocean shoreline between Ramp 43 and Ramp 44.
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 43 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 44 - Ramp 45:** (Cape Point: 2.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 44 is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 to 60 meters south of Ramp 44. Salt Pond Road and Ramp 45 are closed. The Interdunal Road is open to pedestrian access.

- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at the southern end of Cape Point for LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced to north, expanded to south) at Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.

- June 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Ramp 44 due to the presence of piping plover chicks at Cape Point. Ramp 44 is closed to ORV use. (REMOVED: July 8, 2009)
- May 10 & 11, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified, Ramp 44 and 0.4 of a mile of ocean shoreline south of Ramp 44 re-opened for ORV use. The closure was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed PIPL and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified (expanded) for observed PIPL breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified a second time this week for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This modification closes Ramp 44 to ORV access.
- April 27, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified; this modification of 0.1 mile affected the ocean shoreline on the southern boundary of the closure, and the eastern boundary of the prenesting closure was expanded by 30 meters for observed AMOY and PIPL breeding behavior.
- On April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the ocean shoreline in front of Ramp 45 for observed PIPL breeding behavior. Ramp 45 is closed to ORV and pedestrian access just north of the dune line.
- On April 19, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 was modified (extended) 300 meters to the south for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure is now 0.4 of a mile in length and there is no ORV or pedestrian access within the resource protection area.
- On April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. There is currently not an alternative ORV access route to Cape Point.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Cape Point that included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure from approximately 0.2 miles south/west of Cape Point to approximately 0.3 east of Ramp 45; and allowed for an access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline. The total closure distance was approximately 1.0 mile in length. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 45 - Ramp 49:** (South Beach: 3.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 45 is closed. Access is also open from Ramp 49 for 1.7 miles east to where a RESOURCE protection area is located. There is no through access between Ramps 45 and 49.

- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 of a mile northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on July 22. There will be ORV and pedestrian access available behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window."**
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.6 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on July 18. This is a full beach closure. There will not be ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window."**
- July 2, 2009: The westernmost boundary of the South Beach pre-nesting area was modified (reduced) as LETE chicks hatch and move within the interior of the closure.
- May 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed GBTE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed LETE

breeding behavior. In addition, 0.2 of a mile of “limited access” within the closure is now closed to all entry for LETE breeding behavior.

- April 28, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) which further reduces the limited access section along the shoreline to 0.2 of a mile.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure was established on the western boundary of the existing South Beach pre-nesting area closure for observed AMOY breeding behavior which precludes ORV corridor access or pedestrian access along the lower beach.
- March 31, 2009: The western boundary of the existing full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was expanded by 50 meters due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing).
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established from approximately 0.2 miles to 0.7 miles west of Ramp 45 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Beach that included upper beach areas that encompass the dunes and extends towards the ocean but allows for an ORV corridor along the lower beach. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 49 - Ramp 55:** (5.9 miles; includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV use for 1.2 miles west of Ramp 49 to the Frisco line. There is pedestrian, but not ORV, access from the Frisco line to 0.1 of a mile east of Ramp 55.

- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest) is located approximately 0.4 of a mile southwest of Ramp 49. This area was expanded on July 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.”**
- May 27, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- April 29, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was established (adjusted) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 5, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 29, 2009)
- March 13, 2009: A 150 meter buffer was established southwest of the Sandy Bay parking lot for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.7 miles long. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

**Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet:** (Hatteras Inlet Spit: 2.7 miles)

Current Status: **ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south/west to Hatteras Inlet. Access to the inlet for ORVs and pedestrians, including the “Rip,” is open.** The Pole Road is open to ORV and pedestrians south to the north end of the Isabel overwash area where traffic is routed onto the beach due to a pre-nesting protection area. Cable Crossing and Spur Road (south of the Isabel overwash area) are open.

- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 1.0 mile south of Ramp 55 was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 9, 2009)
- June 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.0 mile south of Ramp 55 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. The closure necessitates the closure of Hatteras Spit south of the Isabel overwash area. **(REMOVED: July 15, 2009)**
- June 1, 2009: At Hatteras Inlet the original pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) at Hatteras Inlet for AMOY chicks. The closure necessitates the closure of the Spur Road. ORV and pedestrian access is open for 0.8 of a mile along the sound shoreline from Cable Crossing Road to just south of the terminus of the Spur Road. ORV access is tide dependent. (REMOVED: June 23, 2009)



- March 30, 2009: Due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing), the eastern boundary of the Hatteras Inlet pre-nesting area was expanded for a total of 0.1 mile (50 meters east of the easternmost vandalized sign). **(REMOVED: July 15, 2009)**
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Hatteras Inlet Spit that included the ocean beach from approximately 0.1 mile south of the southern exit of Pole Road south/west to the inlet, then along the inlet shoreline to the sound shoreline 110 meters south of the Spur Road. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the soundside at the Isabel overwash area that included portions of the Pole Road adjacent to the overwash fans. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area. Ocean shoreline access is open past this area.

### **Ocracoke Island District (18.3 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: **6.9** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; **7.4** miles open to pedestrians only; **0.7** miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); **3.3** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

#### **Hatteras Inlet (North Ocracoke Spit) to Ramp 59:** (1.4 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for **0.4** of a mile north of Ramp 59.

- **July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 59 for observed LETE breeding behavior.**
- June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established and modified (expanded) on May 13, 2009, approximately 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at North Ocracoke Spit that included interior areas and the inlet shoreline and portions of the ocean shoreline. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

#### **Ramp 59 - Ramp 67:** (7.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV access for 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 and 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian, but not ORV access, from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67.

- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on July 18. This is a full beach closure. There will not be ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.”**
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area was expanded on July 13. This area is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.”**
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.5 mile north of Ramp 59 for LETE chicks.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.6 miles southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. **(REMOVED: May 7, 2009)**



- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)
- April 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 3 miles southwest of Ramp 59, in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED May 4, 2009)
- April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 5.2 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

**Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (includes Ramp 68):** (3.9 miles; includes Ramp 68)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV for 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 67 and 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 70. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian access from Ramp 67 and Ramp 70.

- May 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 2, 2009)
- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded & reduced), expanded by 0.1 of a mile on the northeast end of the existing closure and reduced by 0.3 of a mile on the southwestern end, located 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (extended) approximately 1.3 miles north of Ramp 70 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 15, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 70 - Ramp 72:** (1.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 70. This area will be expanded on July 18. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. The nest is within the expected "hatch window."**

**Ramp 72 to South Point:** (3.5 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access on the ocean shoreline for **0.8** of a mile south of Ramp 72.

- July 3, 2009: The South Point closure south of Ramp 72 was modified (reduced) which opens 0.5 of a mile of ocean shoreline for ORV access and a pedestrian only corridor extends south for another 0.4 of a mile. **(See June 12 entry below for further.)**
- June 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at South Point for unfledged AMOY chicks. Approximately 0.7 of a mile of "limited access" shoreline at the inlet is closed to public entry. "No landing" signs have been posted. **(This expansion was REMOVED: July 10, 2009/PIPL chicks fledged; opens approx. 0.7 of a mile of "limited access" shoreline on Ocracoke Inlet.)**
- June 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.1 miles south of Ramp 72 for unfledged LETE chicks. This modification closes almost all of the "limited access" area on the east side of South Point.

- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for unfledged Piping Plover chicks. **(This expansion was REMOVED and then modified on: July 10 & July 13, 2009/PIPL chicks fledged and LETE nests/chicks; opens ORV and pedestrian access 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 72)**
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.3 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for observed BLSK and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 10, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile south of Ramp 72 for observed least tern breeding behavior.
- March 24, 2009: The pre-nesting area was expanded by 50 meters at two locations at the inlet due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing). One of the expansions precludes ORV access to the inlet shoreline. Pedestrian access is permitted below the tide line to portions of the inlet shoreline outside of the established pre-nesting area.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Point Ocracoke that included the sound shoreline, portions of the inlet shoreline, and interior portions of the spit; and allowed an access corridor along the ocean shoreline to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including piping plovers, American oystercatchers, colonial waterbirds (3 species of terns and black skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians, and pets.

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## National Park Service Beach Access Report for July 23, 2009

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Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches will be managed again this summer under the terms of the U.S. District Court approved consent decree. Park visitors can expect to see resource closures for breeding shorebirds in effect to varying degrees from mid-March to mid-to-late-August and turtle nesting closures may occur until early November. Shorebird pre-nesting closures have already been established at the inlets, Cape Point, and South Beach. As soon as subsequent breeding activity is observed, the consent decree requires that automatic, non-discretionary buffers be implemented.

The Beach Access Report is issued every Thursday throughout the breeding season, **and updated news will be reported weekly in bold, BLUE print.** **\*\*All distances are approximate.\*\*** The weekly Beach Access Report is complemented by a Google Earth map, which is updated up to 5 times per week as access conditions change. The latest Google Earth beach access map can be viewed at:  
<http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/googleearthmap.htm>

Note: Closure conditions may change in the field on short notice. **On-site signage, rather than the Beach Access Report or Google Earth map, is the most accurate and current indication of what is open or closed to the public.** Closed areas are clearly marked in the field with “symbolic fencing” consisting of wooden or carsonite posts, closure signs, string, and flagging tape. Knowledge of tidal changes and caution should be exercised while traveling the beaches of the park. Pets are prohibited in resource protection areas. Elsewhere, pets must be physically restrained at all time on a lease not exceeding 6 feet in length.

AMOY = American Oystercatcher, PIPL = Piping Plover, LETE = Least Terns, BLSK = Black Skimmers, COTE = Common Tern, GUTE = Gull-billed Terns, WIPL = Wilson’s Plover

The National Park Service is committed to providing accurate and current information on the beach access and temporary resource closure issue for the visiting public and our community neighbors. We continue to receive questions about issues related to beach access and have developed a “Frequently Asked Questions” information sheet that is now posted on the Seashore’s website at: <http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/off-road-vehicle-use.htm>

Beach access mileage summaries are included for each district. The mileage is determined on a weekly basis using GIS data.

As a reminder, the seasonal ORV closures of designated beaches went into effect on May 15, 2009. For more information, please contact: [cyndy\\_holda@nps.gov](mailto:cyndy_holda@nps.gov) or call 252-473-2111, ext. 148.

### **Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27; 15.4 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: **3.8** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; **6.4** miles open to pedestrians only; **3.3** miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); **1.9** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

**Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)** (1.2 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access, but not for ORV access.

- An ORV SAFETY closure is 1.2 miles long.

**Ramp 2 - Ramp 4** (2.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 2 is closed. The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from approximately 0.1 south of Ramp 2 to Ramp 4.

**Ramp 4 – Oregon Inlet** (Bodie Island Spit: 2.1 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for **0.5 of a mile south of Ramp 4**. Portions of the inlet shoreline south/west of the closure, outside of the existing pre-nesting and RESOURCE protection closure areas, remains open for boat landing/pedestrian access.

- **July 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced) 0.5 of a mile south of Ramp 4 due to an AMOY chick considered to be fledged but not yet proficient in flying. Approximately 0.1 of a mile of shoreline was opened to pedestrians. No dogs will be allowed inside the pedestrian corridor.**
- June 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. **(REMOVED: July 17, 2009; opens 0.3 of a mile of shoreline to “limited access.”)**
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior. This closure, 0.8 of a mile in length, affects the “limited access” area for pedestrians south of Ramp 4 on the ocean shoreline.
- May 4, 2009: The Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) closure was modified (reduced) and the original prenesting shoreline was re-established when an AMOY pair nested elsewhere.
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.7 miles south of Ramp 4 (southern tip of Bodie Island Spit) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. Although, this does not currently affect ORV access, the closure does affect a portion of limited beach access for pedestrians.
- April 25, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the south shore of the Bait Pond for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- On April 10, 2009: The North Shore/Bait Pond closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. **(REMOVED: April 27, 2009)**
- April 2, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the north shore of the Bait Pond, under the Bonner Bridge and east to the tidal creek, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure precludes ORV access along the ocean shoreline 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4.

- April 2, 2009: Due to continuing erosion of the ocean shoreline, the existing RESOURCE protection area has been extended approximately 0.2 miles south, which precludes pedestrian access in the inter-tidal zone past the closure.
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.3 miles south of Ramp 4 along the ocean shoreline, as a result of observed piping plover breeding behavior.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established that included interior areas of the spit and the “pond” shoreline and allowed an ORV access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline to a point 1.4 miles south of Ramp 4 and pedestrian access to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access in the RESOURCE protection area.

**Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo:** (Pea Island NWR boundary to Ramp 23 - 3.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access.

**Ramp 23 - Ramp 27:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 23 is closed to ORV and pedestrian access.

- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.9 miles north of Ramp 27. This nest is within the expected “hatch window” and the buffer will be expanded on July 26th. This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection areas (least tern colonies) and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**
- **July 20, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 was modified (moved north) for unfledged LETTE chicks.**
- July 15, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded) on the southern boundary for observed unfledged LETTE chicks.
- July 4, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary for observed unfledged LETTE chicks.
- July 3, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.9 of a mile north of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded) for observed unfledged LETTE chicks.
- June 29, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was expanded by 50 meters due to deliberate violations (vandalism of the barricade and fencing).
- June 22, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) immediately adjacent (north) of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded) for unfledged LETTE chicks.
- June 18, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.9 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for unfledged LETTE chicks.
- June 15, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded to the west, north and south) for observed LETTE breeding behavior and chicks.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETTE breeding behavior.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 23 for observed LETTE breeding behavior.
- June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established in front of Ramp 23 for observed LETTE breeding behavior.
- June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETTE breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETTE breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on northern and southern ends) 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 23 or 2.3 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETTE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 8, 2009)



- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for LETE breeding behavior.

### **Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet; 33.4 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: **14.7** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; **14.3** miles open to pedestrians only; **0.1** miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); **4.3** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

#### **Ramp 27 - Ramp 30:** (2.1 miles)

Current Status: **Ramp 27 is open to ORV and pedestrian access.**

- **July 20, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) at Ramp 27 was removed which reopens shoreline access for 1.0 mile north and 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27.**
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.5 miles north of Ramp 30. This nest is within the expected “hatch window” and the buffer will be expanded on July 27th. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**
- **July 18 & 16 & 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was modified (adjusted/moved to ensure 200 meter buffer) for observed unfledged AMOY chicks.**
- July 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was modified (expanded) for observed unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 28, 2009: Full beach closures (RESOURCE protection area) on either side of Ramp 27 were expanded by 50 meters due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing).
- June 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on south end) 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on north end, reduced on south end) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 110 meters south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.
- May 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.
- May 28, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was reduced when a pair of AMOY lost a nest. The original protection area was retained for observed continued breeding behavior.
- May 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- May 21, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.



- May 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 24, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established (and then modified (expanded) on April 27, 2009) approximately 0.3 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior and unfledged AMOY chicks.
- April 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 24, 2009)
- April 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 28, 2009: The existing RESOURCE protection area was expanded to the south for observed American oystercatcher (AMOY) breeding behavior.
- March 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.1 miles north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 30 - Ramp 34:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 and for 2.4 miles north of Ramp 34 (and 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 34 to the Avon Village line.)

- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- April 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile north of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)

**Ramp 34 - Ramp 38:** (3.9 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 34 is open for ORV and pedestrian use (see above.) The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 38 north to the Avon Village line and south to the Haulover area.

- June 8, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 23, 2009)
- May 27, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) immediately south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. There is currently no beach access from Ramp 34 for ORVs or pedestrians, however, the parking lot adjacent to Hwy. 12 will remain open for parking.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure in front of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established directly in front of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. Pedestrians will be routed around the backside of the closure for access to the beach.

**Ramp 38 - Ramp 43:** (6.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38. There is pedestrian access from approximately 6.0 miles south of Ramp 38 to Ramp 43.

- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 2.3 miles south of Ramp 39 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on July 16. There will be a pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window."
- June 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on the northern end, reduced on the southern end) 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for LETE breeding behavior.
- June 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 20, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 3, 2009)
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp 38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 18, 2009)
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp 38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.9 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary (now 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38), in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)
- April 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- April 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.9 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 2.8 miles long, beginning 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 38 to .4 of a mile north of Ramp 43, due to very narrow beaches. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

**Ramp 43 - Ramp 44:** (0.4 of a mile)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 43 to Ramp 44.

- June 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced and adjusted to the south) for unfledged AMOY chicks. The closure adjustment opens 0.1 of a mile to ORV access

south of Ramp 43 and pedestrian access (staying out of the marked closure areas) via a pedestrian corridor along the ocean shoreline between Ramp 43 and Ramp 44.

- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 43 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 44 - Ramp 45:** (Cape Point: 2.4 miles)

Current Status: **Ramp 44 is open for ORV access from Ramp 44 south for 60 meters. The East side of Cape Point is open to pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to the tip of Cape Point via a corridor along the ocean shoreline. No dogs will be allowed inside the pedestrian corridor. The Interdunal Road and Ramp 45 are open to ORV and pedestrian access. Salt Pond Road is closed.**

- **July 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced) on the east side of Cape Point due to AMOY chicks considered to be fledged but not yet proficient flyers. Approximately 0.9 of a mile of shoreline was opened to pedestrians. No dogs will be allowed inside the pedestrian corridor.**
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at the southern tip of Cape Point for LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced to north, expanded to south) at Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Ramp 44 due to the presence of piping plover chicks at Cape Point. Ramp 44 is closed to ORV use. (REMOVED: July 8, 2009)
- May 10 & 11, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified, Ramp 44 and 0.4 of a mile of ocean shoreline south of Ramp 44 re-opened for ORV use. The closure was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed PIPL and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified (expanded) for observed PIPL breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified a second time this week for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This modification closes Ramp 44 to ORV access.
- April 27, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified; this modification of 0.1 mile affected the ocean shoreline on the southern boundary of the closure, and the eastern boundary of the prenesting closure was expanded by 30 meters for observed AMOY and PIPL breeding behavior.
- On April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the ocean shoreline in front of Ramp 45 for observed PIPL breeding behavior. Ramp 45 is closed to ORV and pedestrian access just north of the dune line. **(REMOVED: July 20, 2009)**
- On April 19, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 was modified (extended) 300 meters to the south for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure is now 0.4 of a mile in length and there is no ORV or pedestrian access within the resource protection area.
- On April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Cape Point that included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure from approximately 0.2 miles south/west of Cape Point to approximately 0.3 east of Ramp 45; and allowed for an access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline. The total closure distance was approximately 1.0 mile in length. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 45 - Ramp 49:** (South Beach: 3.4 miles)

Current Status: **Ramp 45 is open.** Access is also open from Ramp 49 for 1.7 miles east to where a RESOURCE protection area is located. There is no through access between Ramps 45 and 49.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 of a mile northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on July 22. There will be ORV and pedestrian access available behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.”
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.6 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on July 18. This is a full beach closure. There will not be ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.”
- July 2, 2009: The westernmost boundary of the South Beach pre-nesting area was modified (reduced) as LETE chicks hatch and move within the interior of the closure.
- May 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed GBTE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed LETE breeding behavior. In addition, 0.2 of a mile of “limited access” within the closure is now closed to all entry for LETE breeding behavior.
- April 28, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) which further reduces the limited access section along the shoreline to 0.2 of a mile.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure was established on the western boundary of the existing South Beach pre-nesting area closure for observed AMOY breeding behavior which precludes ORV corridor access or pedestrian access along the lower beach.
- March 31, 2009: The western boundary of the existing full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was expanded by 50 meters due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing).
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established from approximately 0.2 miles to 0.7 miles west of Ramp 45 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Beach that included upper beach areas that encompass the dunes and extends towards the ocean but allows for an ORV corridor along the lower beach. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 49 - Ramp 55:** (5.9 miles; includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV use for 0.4 of a mile southwest of Ramp 49 to the Frisco line. There is pedestrian, but not ORV, access from the Frisco line to 0.1 of a mile east of Ramp 55.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest) is located approximately 0.4 of a mile southwest of Ramp 49. This area was expanded on July 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.”
- May 27, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- April 29, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was established (adjusted) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 5, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 29, 2009)
- March 13, 2009: A 150 meter buffer was established southwest of the Sandy Bay parking lot for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

- An ORV SAFETY closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.7 miles long. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

**Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet:** (Hatteras Inlet Spit: 2.7 miles)

Current Status: ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south/west to Hatteras Inlet. Access to the inlet for ORVs and pedestrians, including the “Rip,” is open. **ORV access at the inlet may be impassable at high tide.** The Pole Road is open to ORV and pedestrians south to the north end of the Isabel overwash area where traffic is routed onto the beach due to a pre-nesting protection area. Cable Crossing and Spur Road (south of the Isabel overwash area) are open.

- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 1.0 mile south of Ramp 55 was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 9, 2009)
- June 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.0 mile south of Ramp 55 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. The closure necessitates the closure of Hatteras Spit south of the Isabel overwash area. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- June 1, 2009: At Hatteras Inlet the original pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) at Hatteras Inlet for AMOY chicks. The closure necessitates the closure of the Spur Road. ORV and pedestrian access is open for 0.8 of a mile along the sound shoreline from Cable Crossing Road to just south of the terminus of the Spur Road. ORV access is tide dependent. (REMOVED: June 23, 2009)
- March 30, 2009: Due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing), the eastern boundary of the Hatteras Inlet pre-nesting area was expanded for a total of 0.1 mile (50 meters east of the easternmost vandalized sign). (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Hatteras Inlet Spit that included the ocean beach from approximately 0.1 mile south of the southern exit of Pole Road south/west to the inlet, then along the inlet shoreline to the sound shoreline 110 meters south of the Spur Road. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the soundside at the Isabel overwash area that included portions of the Pole Road adjacent to the overwash fans. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area. Ocean shoreline access is open past this area.

**Ocracoke Island District (18.2 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: **6.8** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; **7.6** miles open to pedestrians only; **0.7** miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); **3.1** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

**Hatteras Inlet (North Ocracoke Spit) to Ramp 59:** (1.4 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 59.

- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 59 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established and modified (expanded) on May 13, 2009, approximately 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at North Ocracoke Spit that included interior areas and the inlet shoreline and portions of the ocean shoreline. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 59 - Ramp 67:** (7.8 miles)



Current Status: The beach is open for ORV access for 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 and 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian, but not ORV access, from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67.

- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.5 miles south of Ramp 59. This nest is within the expected "hatch window and the buffer will be expanded on July 26th. This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 miles north of Ramp 67. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 25th. This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on July 18. This is a full beach closure. There will not be ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window."
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area was expanded on July 13. This area is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window."
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.5 mile north of Ramp 59 for LETE chicks.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.6 miles southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)
- April 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 3 miles southwest of Ramp 59, in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED May 4, 2009)
- April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 5.2 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

**Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (includes Ramp 68):** (3.9 miles; includes Ramp 68)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV for 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 67 and 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 70. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian access from Ramp 67 and Ramp 70.

- May 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 2, 2009)



- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded & reduced), expanded by 0.1 of a mile on the northeast end of the existing closure and reduced by 0.3 of a mile on the southwestern end, located 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.2 miles north of Ramp 70. This nest is within the expected “hatch window” and the buffer will be expanded on July 28th. This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**
- April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (extended) approximately 1.3 miles north of Ramp 70 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 15, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 70 - Ramp 72:** (1.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 70. This area will be expanded on July 18. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. The nest is within the expected “hatch window.”
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles north of Ramp 72. This nest is within the expected “hatch window” and the buffer will be expanded on July 24th. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**

**Ramp 72 to South Point:** (3.5 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access on the ocean shoreline for 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 72.

- July 3, 2009: The South Point closure south of Ramp 72 was modified (reduced) which opens 0.5 of a mile of ocean shoreline for ORV access and a pedestrian only corridor extends south for another 0.4 of a mile. (See June 12 entry below for further.)
- June 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at South Point for unfledged AMOY chicks. Approximately 0.7 of a mile of “limited access” shoreline at the inlet is closed to public entry. “No landing” signs have been posted. (This expansion was REMOVED: July 10, 2009/PIPL chicks fledged; opens approx. 0.7 of a mile of “limited access” shoreline on Ocracoke Inlet.)
- June 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.1 miles south of Ramp 72 for unfledged LETE chicks. This modification closes almost all of the “limited access” area on the east side of South Point.
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for unfledged Piping Plover chicks. (This expansion was REMOVED and then modified on: July 10 & July 13, 2009/PIPL chicks fledged and LETE nests/chicks; opens ORV and pedestrian access 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 72)
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.3 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for observed BLSK and LETE breeding behavior.

- May 10, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile south of Ramp 72 for observed least tern breeding behavior.
- March 24, 2009: The pre-nesting area was expanded by 50 meters at two locations at the inlet due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing). One of the expansions precludes ORV access to the inlet shoreline. Pedestrian access is permitted below the tide line to portions of the inlet shoreline outside of the established pre-nesting area.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Point Ocracoke that included the sound shoreline, portions of the inlet shoreline, and interior portions of the spit; and allowed an access corridor along the ocean shoreline to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including piping plovers, American oystercatchers, colonial waterbirds (3 species of terns and black skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians, and pets.

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## National Park Service Beach Access Report for July 30, 2009

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Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches will be managed again this summer under the terms of the U.S. District Court approved consent decree. Park visitors can expect to see resource closures for breeding shorebirds in effect to varying degrees from mid-March to mid-to-late-August and turtle nesting closures may occur until early November. Shorebird pre-nesting closures have already been established at the inlets, Cape Point, and South Beach. As soon as subsequent breeding activity is observed, the consent decree requires that automatic, non-discretionary buffers be implemented.

The Beach Access Report is issued every Thursday throughout the breeding season, **and updated news will be reported weekly in bold, BLUE print.** **\*\*All distances are approximate.\*\*** The weekly Beach Access Report is complemented by a Google Earth map, which is updated up to 5 times per week as access conditions change. The latest Google Earth beach access map can be viewed at:  
<http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/googleearthmap.htm>

Note: Closure conditions may change in the field on short notice. **On-site signage, rather than the Beach Access Report or Google Earth map, is the most accurate and current indication of what is open or closed to the public.** Closed areas are clearly marked in the field with “symbolic fencing” consisting of wooden or carsonite posts, closure signs, string, and flagging tape. Knowledge of tidal changes and caution should be exercised while traveling the beaches of the park. Pets are prohibited in resource protection areas. Elsewhere, pets must be physically restrained at all time on a lease not exceeding 6 feet in length.

AMOY = American Oystercatcher, PIPL = Piping Plover, LETE = Least Terns, BLSK = Black Skimmers, COTE = Common Tern, GUTE = Gull-billed Terns, WIPL = Wilson’s Plover

The National Park Service is committed to providing accurate and current information on the beach access and temporary resource closure issue for the visiting public and our community neighbors. We continue to receive questions about issues related to beach access and have developed a “Frequently Asked Questions” information sheet that is now posted on the Seashore’s website at: <http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/off-road-vehicle-use.htm>

Beach access mileage summaries are included for each district. The mileage is determined on a weekly basis using GIS data.

As a reminder, the seasonal ORV closures of designated beaches went into effect on May 15, 2009. For more information, please contact: [cindy\\_holda@nps.gov](mailto:cindy_holda@nps.gov) or call 252-473-2111, ext. 148.

### **Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27; 15.4 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: **4.6** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; **6.4** miles open to pedestrians only; **3.2** miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); **1.2** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

**Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)** (1.2 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access, but not for ORV access.

- An ORV SAFETY closure is 1.2 miles long.

**Ramp 2 - Ramp 4** (2.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 2 is closed. The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from approximately 0.1 south of Ramp 2 to Ramp 4.

**Ramp 4 – Oregon Inlet** (Bodie Island Spit: 2.1 miles)

Current Status: **The beach is open for ORV access for 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 4 and an additional 0.2 of a mile of shoreline is open to pedestrian access.**

- **July 29, 2009: The RESOURCE protection area was restored to the prenesting closure configuration, with its associated access corridor. Portions of the corridor at the southeast side of the spit have been lost to erosion, which currently limits access past that point to the inlet. The inlet shoreline south/west of the eroded area is open to boat landing (i.e., pedestrian access by boat.)**
- July 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced) 0.5 of a mile south of Ramp 4 due to an AMOY chick considered to be fledged but not yet proficient in flying. Approximately 0.1 of a mile of shoreline was opened to pedestrians. No dogs will be allowed inside the pedestrian corridor. **(REMOVED: July 29, 2009)**
- June 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. **(REMOVED: July 17, 2009; opens 0.3 of a mile of shoreline to “limited access.”)**
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior. This closure, 0.8 of a mile in length, affects the “limited access” area for pedestrians south of Ramp 4 on the ocean shoreline.
- May 4, 2009: The Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) closure was modified (reduced) and the original prenesting shoreline was re-established when an AMOY pair nested elsewhere.
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.7 miles south of Ramp 4 (southern tip of Bodie Island Spit) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. Although, this does not currently affect ORV access, the closure does affect a portion of limited beach access for pedestrians.
- April 25, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the south shore of the Bait Pond for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- On April 10, 2009: The North Shore/Bait Pond closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. **(REMOVED: April 27, 2009)**

- April 2, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the north shore of the Bait Pond, under the Bonner Bridge and east to the tidal creek, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure precludes ORV access along the ocean shoreline 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4.
- April 2, 2009: Due to continuing erosion of the ocean shoreline, the existing RESOURCE protection area has been extended approximately 0.2 miles south, which precludes pedestrian access in the inter-tidal zone past the closure.
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.3 miles south of Ramp 4 along the ocean shoreline, as a result of observed piping plover breeding behavior.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established that included interior areas of the spit and the “pond” shoreline and allowed an ORV access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline to a point 1.4 miles south of Ramp 4 and pedestrian access to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access in the RESOURCE protection area.

**Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo:** (Pea Island NWR boundary to Ramp 23 - 3.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access.

**Rodanthe – Ramp 23**

- **On July 26, 2009, a RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) located approximately 1.2 miles south of Rodanthe Pier, in a section of beach open to pedestrian access only, was deliberately vandalized. All closure signs and fencing at the site were removed and taken from the area, leaving the nest unmarked. The nest did not appear to be damaged. As a result of the violation, the buffer was expanded 50 meters and signed accordingly.**
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 miles north of Ramp 23. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This area will be expanded on August 4<sup>th</sup>. This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**

**Ramp 23 - Ramp 27:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 23 is closed to ORV and pedestrian access.

- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.4 miles south of Ramp 23. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This area will be expanded on July 30<sup>th</sup>. This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection areas (least tern colonies) and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.9 miles north of Ramp 27. This nest is within the expected “hatch window” and the buffer will be expanded on July 26<sup>th</sup>. This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection areas (least tern colonies) and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- July 20, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 was modified (moved north) for unfledged LETE chicks.
- July 15, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded) on the southern boundary for observed unfledged LETE chicks.
- July 4, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary for observed unfledged LETE chicks.

- July 3, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.9 of a mile north of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded) for observed unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 29, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was expanded by 50 meters due to deliberate violations (vandalism of the barricade and fencing).
- June 22, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) immediately adjacent (north) of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded) for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 18, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.9 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 15, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded to the west, north and south) for observed LETE breeding behavior and chicks.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 23 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established in front of Ramp 23 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on northern and southern ends) 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 23 or 2.3 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 8, 2009)
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for LETE breeding behavior.

### **Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet; 33.4 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: **15.7** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; **12.8** miles open to pedestrians only; **0.8** miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); **4.1** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

#### **Ramp 27 - Ramp 30:** (2.1 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 27 is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

- July 20, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) at Ramp 27 was removed which reopens shoreline access for 1.0 mile north and 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.5 miles north of Ramp 30. This nest is within the expected “hatch window” and the buffer will be expanded on July 27th. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- July 18 & 16 & 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was modified (adjusted/moved to ensure 200 meter buffer) for observed unfledged AMOY chicks.
- July 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was modified (expanded) for observed unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 28, 2009: Full beach closures (RESOURCE protection area) on either side of Ramp 27 were expanded by 50 meters due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing).



- June 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on south end) 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on north end, reduced on south end) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 110 meters south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.
- May 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.
- May 28, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was reduced when a pair of AMOY lost a nest. The original protection area was retained for observed continued breeding behavior.
- May 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- May 21, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 24, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established (and then modified (expanded) on April 27, 2009) approximately 0.3 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior and unfledged AMOY chicks.
- April 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 24, 2009)
- April 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 28, 2009: The existing RESOURCE protection area was expanded to the south for observed American oystercatcher (AMOY) breeding behavior.
- March 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.1 miles north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 30 - Ramp 34:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 and for 2.4 miles north of Ramp 34 (and 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 34 to the Avon Village line.)

- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles south of Ramp 30. The nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This area will be expanded on**

**August 5th. There is ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**

- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- April 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile north of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)

**Ramp 34 - Ramp 38:** (3.9 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 34 is open for ORV and pedestrian use (see above.) The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 38 north to the Avon Village line and south to the Haulover area.

- June 8, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 23, 2009)
- May 27, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) immediately south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. There is currently no beach access from Ramp 34 for ORVs or pedestrians, however, the parking lot adjacent to Hwy. 12 will remain open for parking.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure in front of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established directly in front of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. Pedestrians will be routed around the backside of the closure for access to the beach.

**Ramp 38 - Ramp 43:** (6.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38. There is pedestrian access from approximately 6.0 miles south of Ramp 38 to Ramp 43.

- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 2.3 miles south of Ramp 39 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. **(REMOVED: July 29, 2009)**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on July 16. There will be a pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window."
- June 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on the northern end, reduced on the southern end) 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for LETE breeding behavior.

- June 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 20, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 3, 2009)
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp 38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 18, 2009)
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.9 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary (now 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38), in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)
- April 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles south of Ramp 38), in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVS. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- April 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.9 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 2.8 miles long, beginning 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 38 to .4 of a mile north of Ramp 43, due to very narrow beaches. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 43. The nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This area will be expanded on August 2nd. This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**

**Ramp 43 - Ramp 44:** (0.4 of a mile)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 43 to Ramp 44.

- June 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced and adjusted to the south) for unfledged AMOY chicks. The closure adjustment opens 0.1 of a mile to ORV access south of Ramp 43 and pedestrian access (staying out of the marked closure areas) via a pedestrian corridor along the ocean shoreline between Ramp 43 and Ramp 44.
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 43 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 44 - Ramp 45:** (Cape Point: 2.4 miles)

Current Status: **Ramp 44 is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point.** The Interdunal Road and Ramp 45 are open to ORV and pedestrian access. Salt Pond Road is closed.

- July 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced) on the east side of Cape Point due to AMOY chicks considered to be fledged but not yet proficient flyers. Approximately 0.9 of a mile of shoreline was opened to pedestrians. No dogs will be allowed inside the pedestrian corridor. (REMOVED: July 29, 2009)
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at the southern tip of Cape Point for LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced to north, expanded to south) at Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.

- June 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Ramp 44 due to the presence of piping plover chicks at Cape Point. Ramp 44 is closed to ORV use. (REMOVED: July 8, 2009)
- May 10 & 11, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified, Ramp 44 and 0.4 of a mile of ocean shoreline south of Ramp 44 re-opened for ORV use. The closure was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed PIPL and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified (expanded) for observed PIPL breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified a second time this week for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This modification closes Ramp 44 to ORV access.
- April 27, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified; this modification of 0.1 mile affected the ocean shoreline on the southern boundary of the closure, and the eastern boundary of the prenesting closure was expanded by 30 meters for observed AMOY and PIPL breeding behavior.
- On April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the ocean shoreline in front of Ramp 45 for observed PIPL breeding behavior. Ramp 45 is closed to ORV and pedestrian access just north of the dune line. (REMOVED: July 20, 2009)
- On April 19, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 was modified (extended) 300 meters to the south for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure is now 0.4 of a mile in length and there is no ORV or pedestrian access within the resource protection area.
- On April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Cape Point that included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure from approximately 0.2 miles south/west of Cape Point to approximately 0.3 east of Ramp 45; and allowed for an access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline. The total closure distance was approximately 1.0 mile in length. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 45 - Ramp 49:** (South Beach: 3.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 45 is open. Access is also open from Ramp 49 for 1.7 miles east to where a RESOURCE protection area is located. There is no through access between Ramps 45 and 49.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 of a mile northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on July 22. There will be ORV and pedestrian access available behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.”
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.6 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on July 18. This is a full beach closure. There will not be ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.”
- July 2, 2009: The westernmost boundary of the South Beach pre-nesting area was modified (reduced) as LETE chicks hatch and move within the interior of the closure.
- May 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed GBTE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed LETE

breeding behavior. In addition, 0.2 of a mile of “limited access” within the closure is now closed to all entry for LETE breeding behavior.

- April 28, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) which further reduces the limited access section along the shoreline to 0.2 of a mile.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure was established on the western boundary of the existing South Beach pre-nesting area closure for observed AMOY breeding behavior which precludes ORV corridor access or pedestrian access along the lower beach.
- March 31, 2009: The western boundary of the existing full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was expanded by 50 meters due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing).
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established from approximately 0.2 miles to 0.7 miles west of Ramp 45 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Beach that included upper beach areas that encompass the dunes and extends towards the ocean but allows for an ORV corridor along the lower beach. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 49 - Ramp 55:** (5.9 miles; includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV use for 0.4 of a mile southwest of Ramp 49 to the Frisco line. There is pedestrian, but not ORV, access from the Frisco line to 0.1 of a mile east of Ramp 55.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest) is located approximately 0.4 of a mile southwest of Ramp 49. This area was expanded on July 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.”
- May 27, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for unfledged AMOY chicks. **(REMOVED: July 21, 2009)**
- April 29, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was established (adjusted) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 5, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 13, 2009: A 150 meter buffer was established southwest of the Sandy Bay parking lot for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.7 miles long. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 55. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This nest will be expanded on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.8 miles north of Ramp 55. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This nest will be expanded on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.4 miles north of Ramp 55. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This area will be expanded on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is**



**pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**

**Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet:** (Hatteras Inlet Spit: 2.7 miles)

Current Status: ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south/west to Hatteras Inlet. Access to the inlet for ORVs and pedestrians, including the “Rip,” is open. ORV access at the inlet may be impassable at high tide. The Pole Road is open to ORV and pedestrians south to the north end of the Isabel overwash area where traffic is routed onto the beach due to a pre-nesting protection area. Cable Crossing and Spur Road (south of the Isabel overwash area) are open.

- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 1.0 mile south of Ramp 55 was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 9, 2009)
- June 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.0 mile south of Ramp 55 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. The closure necessitates the closure of Hatteras Spit south of the Isabel overwash area. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- June 1, 2009: At Hatteras Inlet the original pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) at Hatteras Inlet for AMOY chicks. The closure necessitates the closure of the Spur Road. ORV and pedestrian access is open for 0.8 of a mile along the sound shoreline from Cable Crossing Road to just south of the terminus of the Spur Road. ORV access is tide dependent. (REMOVED: June 23, 2009)
- March 30, 2009: Due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing), the eastern boundary of the Hatteras Inlet pre-nesting area was expanded for a total of 0.1 mile (50 meters east of the easternmost vandalized sign). (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Hatteras Inlet Spit that included the ocean beach from approximately 0.1 mile south of the southern exit of Pole Road south/west to the inlet, then along the inlet shoreline to the sound shoreline 110 meters south of the Spur Road. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the soundside at the Isabel overwash area that included portions of the Pole Road adjacent to the overwash fans. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area. Ocean shoreline access is open past this area.

**Ocracoke Island District (18.2 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: **6.2** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; **7.6** miles open to pedestrians only; **1.1** miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); **3.3** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

**Hatteras Inlet (North Ocracoke Spit) to Ramp 59:** (1.4 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for **0.3** of a mile north of Ramp 59.

- **July 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.3 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed LETE breeding behavior.**
- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established and modified (expanded) on May 13, 2009, approximately 0.4 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at North Ocracoke Spit that included interior areas and the inlet shoreline and portions of the ocean shoreline. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.



**Ramp 59 - Ramp 67:** (7.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV access for 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 and 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian, but not ORV access, from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.5 miles south of Ramp 59. This nest is within the expected "hatch window and the buffer will be expanded on July 26th. This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: July 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 miles north of Ramp 67. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 25th. This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on July 18. This is a full beach closure. There will not be ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window."
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area was expanded on July 13. This area is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window."
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.5 mile north of Ramp 59 for LETE chicks.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.6 miles southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)
- April 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 3 miles southwest of Ramp 59, in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED May 4, 2009)
- April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 5.2 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

**Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (includes Ramp 68):** (3.9 miles; includes Ramp 68)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV for 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 67 and 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 70. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian access from Ramp 67 and Ramp 70.

- May 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 2, 2009)

- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded & reduced), expanded by 0.1 of a mile on the northeast end of the existing closure and reduced by 0.3 of a mile on the southwestern end, located 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 15, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.7 miles north of Ramp 70. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This area will be expanded on August 1st. This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**
- April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (extended) approximately 1.3 miles north of Ramp 70 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.2 miles north of Ramp 70. This nest is within the expected “hatch window” and the buffer will be expanded on July 28th. This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 70. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This area will be expanded on August 3rd. This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**

**Ramp 70 - Ramp 72:** (1.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 70. This area will be expanded on July 18. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. The nest is within the expected “hatch window.”
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles north of Ramp 72. This nest is within the expected “hatch window” and the buffer will be expanded on July 24th. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.

**Ramp 72 to South Point:** (3.5 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access on the ocean shoreline for 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 72.

- July 3, 2009: The South Point closure south of Ramp 72 was modified (reduced) which opens 0.5 of a mile of ocean shoreline for ORV access and a pedestrian only corridor extends south for another 0.4 of a mile. (See June 12 entry below for further.)
- June 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at South Point for unfledged AMOY chicks. Approximately 0.7 of a mile of “limited access” shoreline at the inlet is closed to public entry. “No landing” signs have been posted. (This expansion was REMOVED: July 10, 2009/PIPL chicks fledged; opens approx. 0.7 of a mile of “limited access” shoreline on Ocracoke Inlet.)
- June 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.1 miles south of Ramp 72 for unfledged LETE chicks. This modification closes almost all of the “limited access” area on the east side of South Point.
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for unfledged Piping Plover chicks. (This expansion was REMOVED and then modified on: July 10 & July 13, 2009/PIPL chicks fledged and LETE nests/chicks; opens ORV and pedestrian access 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 72)

- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.3 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for observed BLSK and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 10, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile south of Ramp 72 for observed least tern breeding behavior.
- March 24, 2009: The pre-nesting area was expanded by 50 meters at two locations at the inlet due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing). One of the expansions precludes ORV access to the inlet shoreline. Pedestrian access is permitted below the tide line to portions of the inlet shoreline outside of the established pre-nesting area.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Point Ocracoke that included the sound shoreline, portions of the inlet shoreline, and interior portions of the spit; and allowed an access corridor along the ocean shoreline to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including piping plovers, American oystercatchers, colonial waterbirds (3 species of terns and black skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians, and pets.

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## National Park Service Beach Access Report for August 6, 2009

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Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches will be managed again this summer under the terms of the U.S. District Court approved consent decree. Park visitors can expect to see resource closures for breeding shorebirds in effect to varying degrees from mid-March to mid-to-late-August and turtle nesting closures may occur until early November. Shorebird pre-nesting closures have already been established at the inlets, Cape Point, and South Beach. As soon as subsequent breeding activity is observed, the consent decree requires that automatic, non-discretionary buffers be implemented.

The Beach Access Report is issued every Thursday throughout the breeding season, **and updated news will be reported weekly in bold, BLUE print.** **\*\*All distances are approximate.\*\*** The weekly Beach Access Report is complemented by a Google Earth map, which is updated up to 5 times per week as access conditions change. The latest Google Earth beach access map can be viewed at:  
<http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/googleearthmap.htm>

Note: Closure conditions may change in the field on short notice. **On-site signage, rather than the Beach Access Report or Google Earth map, is the most accurate and current indication of what is open or closed to the public.** Closed areas are clearly marked in the field with “symbolic fencing” consisting of wooden or carsonite posts, closure signs, string, and flagging tape. Knowledge of tidal changes and caution should be exercised while traveling the beaches of the park. Pets are prohibited in resource protection areas. Elsewhere, pets must be physically restrained at all time on a lease not exceeding 6 feet in length.

AMOY = American Oystercatcher, PIPL = Piping Plover, LETE = Least Terns, BLSK = Black Skimmers, COTE = Common Tern, GUTE = Gull-billed Terns, WIPL = Wilson’s Plover

The National Park Service is committed to providing accurate and current information on the beach access and temporary resource closure issue for the visiting public and our community neighbors. We continue to receive questions about issues related to beach access and have developed a “Frequently Asked Questions” information sheet that is now posted on the Seashore’s website at: <http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/off-road-vehicle-use.htm>

Beach access mileage summaries are included for each district. The mileage is determined on a weekly basis using GIS data.

As a reminder, the seasonal ORV closures of designated beaches went into effect on May 15, 2009. For more information, please contact: [cyndy\\_holda@nps.gov](mailto:cyndy_holda@nps.gov) or call 252-473-2111, ext. 148.

### **Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27; 15.4 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: **5.3** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; 6.4 miles open to pedestrians only; **2.7** miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); **1.0** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

**Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)** (1.2 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access, but not for ORV access.

- An ORV SAFETY closure is 1.2 miles long.

**Ramp 2 - Ramp 4** (2.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 2 is closed. The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from approximately 0.1 south of Ramp 2 to Ramp 4.

**Ramp 4 – Oregon Inlet** (Bodie Island Spit: 2.1 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV access for 1.3 of a mile south of Ramp 4 and an additional 0.1 of a mile of shoreline is open to pedestrian access.

- **August 6, 2009: The Bodie Island Spit prenesting area has been removed and there is ORV access for approximately 1.3 miles from Ramp 4 to the inlet. The wintering protection area has been installed, based on last year's monitoring of the area. It includes an ORV access corridor to the north side of the Bait Pond to within 30 meters of the Bait Pond. From that point, pedestrian access is allowed. On the southwestern most tip of the Spit, about 100 meters on the western shoreline of the Spit near the bridge is marked for pedestrian access only via boat landings.**
- July 29, 2009: The RESOURCE protection area was restored to the prenesting closure configuration, with its associated access corridor. Portions of the corridor at the southeast side of the spit have been lost to erosion, which currently limits access past that point to the inlet. The inlet shoreline south/west of the eroded area is open to boat landing (i.e., pedestrian access by boat.)
- July 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced) 0.5 of a mile south of Ramp 4 due to an AMOY chick considered to be fledged but not yet proficient in flying. Approximately 0.1 of a mile of shoreline was opened to pedestrians. No dogs will be allowed inside the pedestrian corridor. (REMOVED: July 29, 2009)
- June 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 17, 2009; opens 0.3 of a mile of shoreline to "limited access.")
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior. This closure, 0.8 of a mile in length, affects the "limited access" area for pedestrians south of Ramp 4 on the ocean shoreline.
- May 4, 2009: The Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) closure was modified (reduced) and the original prenesting shoreline was re-established when an AMOY pair nested elsewhere.
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.7 miles south of Ramp 4 (southern tip of Bodie Island Spit) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. Although, this does not currently affect ORV access, the closure does affect a portion of limited beach access for pedestrians.



- April 25, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the south shore of the Bait Pond for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- On April 10, 2009: The North Shore/Bait Pond closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 27, 2009)
- April 2, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the north shore of the Bait Pond, under the Bonner Bridge and east to the tidal creek, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure precludes ORV access along the ocean shoreline 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4.
- April 2, 2009: Due to continuing erosion of the ocean shoreline, the existing RESOURCE protection area has been extended approximately 0.2 miles south, which precludes pedestrian access in the inter-tidal zone past the closure.
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.3 miles south of Ramp 4 along the ocean shoreline, as a result of observed piping plover breeding behavior.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established that included interior areas of the spit and the “pond” shoreline and allowed an ORV access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline to a point 1.4 miles south of Ramp 4 and pedestrian access to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access in the RESOURCE protection area.

**Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo:** (Pea Island NWR boundary to Ramp 23 - 3.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access.

**Rodanthe – Ramp 23**

- On July 26, 2009, a RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) located approximately 1.2 miles south of Rodanthe Pier, in a section of beach open to pedestrian access only, was deliberately vandalized. All closure signs and fencing at the site were removed and taken from the area, leaving the nest unmarked. The nest did not appear to be damaged. As a result of the violation, the buffer was expanded 50 meters and signed accordingly.
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.3 miles south of Rodanthe Pier. This area will be expanded on August 6<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.0 miles north of Ramp 23. This area will be expanded on August 7<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 miles north of Ramp 23. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This area will be expanded on August 4<sup>th</sup>. This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.

**Ramp 23 - Ramp 27:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 23 is closed to ORV and pedestrian access.

- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.1 miles south of Ramp 23. This area will be expanded on August 11th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection areas (least tern colonies) and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.4 miles south of Ramp 23. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This area will be expanded on July 30th. This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection areas (least tern colonies) and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.0 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 7th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection areas (least tern colonies) and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.9 miles north of Ramp 27. This nest is within the expected “hatch window” and the buffer will be expanded on July 26th. This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection areas (least tern colonies) and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- July 20, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 was modified (moved north) for unfledged LETE chicks.
- July 15, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded) on the southern boundary for observed unfledged LETE chicks.
- July 4, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary for observed unfledged LETE chicks.
- July 3, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.9 of a mile north of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded) for observed unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 29, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was expanded by 50 meters due to deliberate violations (vandalism of the barricade and fencing).
- June 22, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) immediately adjacent (north) of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded) for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 18, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.9 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 15, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded to the west, north and south) for observed LETE breeding behavior and chicks.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 23 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established in front of Ramp 23 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on northern and southern ends) 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 23 or 2.3 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 8, 2009)
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.

- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for LETE breeding behavior.

### **Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet; 33.4 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: 15.7 miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; 12.8 miles open to pedestrians only; **0.7** miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); **4.2** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

#### **Ramp 27 - Ramp 30:** (2.1 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 27 is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

- **August 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded on the southern end to ensure 200 meter buffer) for observed unfledged LETE chicks.**
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles south of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 11th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**
- July 20, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) at Ramp 27 was removed which reopens shoreline access for 1.0 mile north and 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.5 miles north of Ramp 30. This nest is within the expected “hatch window” and the buffer will be expanded on July 27th. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- July 18 & 16 & 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was modified (adjusted/moved to ensure 200 meter buffer) for observed unfledged AMOY chicks.
- July 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was modified (expanded) for observed unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 28, 2009: Full beach closures (RESOURCE protection area) on either side of Ramp 27 were expanded by 50 meters due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing).
- June 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on south end) 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on north end, reduced on south end) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 110 meters south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.
- May 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.
- May 28, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was reduced when a pair of AMOY lost a nest. The original protection area was retained for observed continued breeding behavior.
- May 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- May 21, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for AMOY breeding behavior.

- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 24, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established (and then modified (expanded) on April 27, 2009) approximately 0.3 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior and unfledged AMOY chicks.
- April 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 24, 2009)
- April 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 28, 2009: The existing RESOURCE protection area was expanded to the south for observed American oystercatcher (AMOY) breeding behavior.
- March 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.1 miles north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 30 - Ramp 34:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access south of Ramp 30 and for 2.4 miles north of Ramp 34 (and 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 34 to the Avon Village line.)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles south of Ramp 30. The nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This area will be expanded on August 5th. There is ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- April 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile north of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)

**Ramp 34 - Ramp 38:** (3.9 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 34 is open for ORV and pedestrian use (see above.) The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 38 north to the Avon Village line and south to the Haulover area.

- June 8, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 23, 2009)
- May 27, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) immediately south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. There is currently no beach

access from Ramp 34 for ORVs or pedestrians, however, the parking lot adjacent to Hwy. 12 will remain open for parking.

- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure in front of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established directly in front of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. Pedestrians will be routed around the backside of the closure for access to the beach.

**Ramp 38 - Ramp 43:** (6.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38. There is pedestrian access from approximately 6.0 miles south of Ramp 38 to Ramp 43.

- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 2.3 miles south of Ramp 39 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 29, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on July 16. There will be a pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window."
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 11th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.4 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 9th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**
- June 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on the northern end, reduced on the southern end) 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for LETE breeding behavior.
- June 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 20, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 3, 2009)
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp 38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 18, 2009)
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp 38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.



- April 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.9 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary (now 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38), in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)
- April 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles south of Ramp 38), in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- April 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.9 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 2.8 miles long, beginning 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 38 to .4 of a mile north of Ramp 43, due to very narrow beaches. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on August 8th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 43. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 2nd. This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.

**Ramp 43 - Ramp 44:** (0.4 of a mile)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 43 to Ramp 44.

- June 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced and adjusted to the south) for unfledged AMOY chicks. The closure adjustment opens 0.1 of a mile to ORV access south of Ramp 43 and pedestrian access (staying out of the marked closure areas) via a pedestrian corridor along the ocean shoreline between Ramp 43 and Ramp 44.
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 43 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 44 - Ramp 45:** (Cape Point: 2.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 44 is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point. The Interdunal Road and Ramp 45 are open to ORV and pedestrian access. Salt Pond Road is closed.

- July 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced) on the east side of Cape Point due to AMOY chicks considered to be fledged but not yet proficient flyers. Approximately 0.9 of a mile of shoreline was opened to pedestrians. No dogs will be allowed inside the pedestrian corridor. (REMOVED: July 29, 2009)
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at the southern tip of Cape Point for LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced to north, expanded to south) at Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.

- May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Ramp 44 due to the presence of piping plover chicks at Cape Point. Ramp 44 is closed to ORV use. (REMOVED: July 8, 2009)
- May 10 & 11, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified, Ramp 44 and 0.4 of a mile of ocean shoreline south of Ramp 44 re-opened for ORV use. The closure was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed PIPL and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified (expanded) for observed PIPL breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified a second time this week for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This modification closes Ramp 44 to ORV access.
- April 27, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified; this modification of 0.1 mile affected the ocean shoreline on the southern boundary of the closure, and the eastern boundary of the prenesting closure was expanded by 30 meters for observed AMOY and PIPL breeding behavior.
- On April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the ocean shoreline in front of Ramp 45 for observed PIPL breeding behavior. Ramp 45 is closed to ORV and pedestrian access just north of the dune line. (REMOVED: July 20, 2009)
- On April 19, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 was modified (extended) 300 meters to the south for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure is now 0.4 of a mile in length and there is no ORV or pedestrian access within the resource protection area.
- On April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Cape Point that included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure from approximately 0.2 miles south/west of Cape Point to approximately 0.3 east of Ramp 45; and allowed for an access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline. The total closure distance was approximately 1.0 mile in length. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 45 - Ramp 49:** (South Beach: 3.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 45 is open. Access is also open from Ramp 49 for 1.7 miles east to where a RESOURCE protection area is located. There is no through access between Ramps 45 and 49.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 of a mile northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on July 22. There will be ORV and pedestrian access available behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.”
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.6 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on July 18. This is a full beach closure. There will not be ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.”
- July 2, 2009: The westernmost boundary of the South Beach pre-nesting area was modified (reduced) as LETE chicks hatch and move within the interior of the closure.
- May 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed GBTE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed LETE breeding behavior. In addition, 0.2 of a mile of “limited access” within the closure is now closed to all entry for LETE breeding behavior.
- April 28, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) which further reduces the limited access section along the shoreline to 0.2 of a mile.

- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure was established on the western boundary of the existing South Beach pre-nesting area closure for observed AMOY breeding behavior which precludes ORV corridor access or pedestrian access along the lower beach.
- March 31, 2009: The western boundary of the existing full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was expanded by 50 meters due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing).
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established from approximately 0.2 miles to 0.7 miles west of Ramp 45 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Beach that included upper beach areas that encompass the dunes and extends towards the ocean but allows for an ORV corridor along the lower beach. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 49 - Ramp 55:** (5.9 miles; includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV use for 0.4 of a mile southwest of Ramp 49 to the Frisco line. There is pedestrian, but not ORV, access from the Frisco line to 0.1 of a mile east of Ramp 55.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest) is located approximately 0.4 of a mile southwest of Ramp 49. This area was expanded on July 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.”
- May 27, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for unfledged AMOY chicks. (REMOVED: July 21, 2009)
- April 29, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was established (adjusted) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 5, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 13, 2009: A 150 meter buffer was established southwest of the Sandy Bay parking lot for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.7 miles long. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 55. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This nest will be expanded on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.8 miles north of Ramp 55. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This nest will be expanded on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.4 miles north of Ramp 55. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This area will be expanded on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.

**Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet:** (Hatteras Inlet Spit: 2.7 miles)

Current Status: ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south/west to Hatteras Inlet. Access to the inlet for ORVs and pedestrians, including the “Rip,” is open. ORV access at the inlet may be impassable at high tide. The Pole Road is open to ORV and pedestrians south to the north end of the Isabel overwash area where traffic is routed onto the beach due to a pre-nesting protection area. Cable Crossing and Spur Road (south of the Isabel overwash area) are open.

- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 1.0 mile south of Ramp 55 was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 9, 2009)
- June 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.0 mile south of Ramp 55 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. The closure necessitates the closure of Hatteras Spit south of the Isabel overwash area. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- June 1, 2009: At Hatteras Inlet the original pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) at Hatteras Inlet for AMOY chicks. The closure necessitates the closure of the Spur Road. ORV and pedestrian access is open for 0.8 of a mile along the sound shoreline from Cable Crossing Road to just south of the terminus of the Spur Road. ORV access is tide dependent. (REMOVED: June 23, 2009)
- March 30, 2009: Due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing), the eastern boundary of the Hatteras Inlet pre-nesting area was expanded for a total of 0.1 mile (50 meters east of the easternmost vandalized sign). (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Hatteras Inlet Spit that included the ocean beach from approximately 0.1 mile south of the southern exit of Pole Road south/west to the inlet, then along the inlet shoreline to the sound shoreline 110 meters south of the Spur Road. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the soundside at the Isabel overwash area that included portions of the Pole Road adjacent to the overwash fans. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area. Ocean shoreline access is open past this area.

### **Ocracoke Island District (18.5 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: **6.4** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; **7.7** miles open to pedestrians only; 1.1 miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); 3.3 miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

#### **Hatteras Inlet (North Ocracoke Spit) to Ramp 59:** (1.4 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.3 of a mile north of Ramp 59.

- July 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.3 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established and modified (expanded) on May 13, 2009, approximately 0.4 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at North Ocracoke Spit that included interior areas and the inlet shoreline and portions of the ocean shoreline. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

#### **Ramp 59 - Ramp 67:** (7.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV access for 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 and 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian, but not ORV access, from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.5 miles south of Ramp 59. This nest is within the expected "hatch window and the buffer will be expanded on July 26th. This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 miles north of Ramp 67. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 25th. This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on July 18. This is a full beach closure. There will not be ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 5, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area was expanded on July 13. This area is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 5, 2009)
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.5 mile north of Ramp 59 for LETE chicks.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.6 miles southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)
- April 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 3 miles southwest of Ramp 59, in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED May 4, 2009)
- April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 5.2 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

**Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (includes Ramp 68):** (3.9 miles; includes Ramp 68)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV for 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 67 and 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 70. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian access from Ramp 67 and Ramp 70.

- May 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 2, 2009)
- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded & reduced), expanded by 0.1 of a mile on the northeast end of the existing closure and reduced by 0.3 of a mile on the southwestern end, located 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.



- April 15, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.7 miles north of Ramp 70. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This area will be expanded on August 1st. This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (extended) approximately 1.3 miles north of Ramp 70 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.2 miles north of Ramp 70. This nest is within the expected “hatch window” and the buffer will be expanded on July 28th. This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 70. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This area will be expanded on August 3rd. This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.

**Ramp 70 - Ramp 72:** (1.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 70. This area will be expanded on July 18. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. The nest is within the expected “hatch window.”
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles north of Ramp 72. This nest is within the expected “hatch window” and the buffer will be expanded on July 24th. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.

**Ramp 72 to South Point:** (3.5 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access on the ocean shoreline for 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 72.

- July 3, 2009: The South Point closure south of Ramp 72 was modified (reduced) which opens 0.5 of a mile of ocean shoreline for ORV access and a pedestrian only corridor extends south for another 0.4 of a mile. (See June 12 entry below for further.)
- June 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at South Point for unfledged AMOY chicks. Approximately 0.7 of a mile of “limited access” shoreline at the inlet is closed to public entry. “No landing” signs have been posted. (This expansion was REMOVED: July 10, 2009/PIPL chicks fledged; opens approx. 0.7 of a mile of “limited access” shoreline on Ocracoke Inlet.)
- June 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.1 miles south of Ramp 72 for unfledged LETE chicks. This modification closes almost all of the “limited access” area on the east side of South Point.
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for unfledged Piping Plover chicks. (This expansion was REMOVED and then modified on: July 10 & July 13, 2009/PIPL chicks fledged and LETE nests/chicks; opens ORV and pedestrian access 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 72)
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.3 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for observed BLSK and LETE breeding behavior.

- May 10, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile south of Ramp 72 for observed least tern breeding behavior.
- March 24, 2009: The pre-nesting area was expanded by 50 meters at two locations at the inlet due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing). One of the expansions precludes ORV access to the inlet shoreline. Pedestrian access is permitted below the tide line to portions of the inlet shoreline outside of the established pre-nesting area.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Point Ocracoke that included the sound shoreline, portions of the inlet shoreline, and interior portions of the spit; and allowed an access corridor along the ocean shoreline to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including piping plovers, American oystercatchers, colonial waterbirds (3 species of terns and black skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians, and pets.

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## National Park Service Beach Access Report for August 13, 2009

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Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches will be managed again this summer under the terms of the U.S. District Court approved consent decree. Park visitors can expect to see resource closures for breeding shorebirds in effect to varying degrees from mid-March to mid-to-late-August and turtle nesting closures may occur until early November. Shorebird pre-nesting closures have already been established at the inlets, Cape Point, and South Beach. As soon as subsequent breeding activity is observed, the consent decree requires that automatic, non-discretionary buffers be implemented.

The Beach Access Report is issued every Thursday throughout the breeding season, **and updated news will be reported weekly in bold, BLUE print.** **\*\*All distances are approximate.\*\*** The weekly Beach Access Report is complemented by a Google Earth map, which is updated up to 5 times per week as access conditions change. The latest Google Earth beach access map can be viewed at:  
<http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/googleearthmap.htm>

Note: Closure conditions may change in the field on short notice. **On-site signage, rather than the Beach Access Report or Google Earth map, is the most accurate and current indication of what is open or closed to the public.** Closed areas are clearly marked in the field with “symbolic fencing” consisting of wooden or carsonite posts, closure signs, string, and flagging tape. Knowledge of tidal changes and caution should be exercised while traveling the beaches of the park. Pets are prohibited in resource protection areas. Elsewhere, pets must be physically restrained at all time on a lease not exceeding 6 feet in length.

AMOY = American Oystercatcher, PIPL = Piping Plover, LETE = Least Terns, BLSK = Black Skimmers, COTE = Common Tern, GUTE = Gull-billed Terns, WIPL = Wilson’s Plover

The National Park Service is committed to providing accurate and current information on the beach access and temporary resource closure issue for the visiting public and our community neighbors. We continue to receive questions about issues related to beach access and have developed a “Frequently Asked Questions” information sheet that is now posted on the Seashore’s website at: <http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/off-road-vehicle-use.htm>

Beach access mileage summaries are included for each district. The mileage is determined on a weekly basis using GIS data.

As a reminder, the seasonal ORV closures of designated beaches went into effect on May 15, 2009. For more information, please contact: [cyndy\\_holda@nps.gov](mailto:cyndy_holda@nps.gov) or call 252-473-2111, ext. 148.

### **Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27; 15.7 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: **5.7** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; 6.4 miles open to pedestrians only; **2.5** miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); **1.1** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

**Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)** (1.2 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access, but not for ORV access.

- An ORV SAFETY closure is 1.2 miles long.

**Ramp 2 - Ramp 4** (2.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 2 is closed. The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from approximately 0.1 south of Ramp 2 to Ramp 4.

**Ramp 4 – Oregon Inlet** (Bodie Island Spit: 2.1 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV access for 1.3 of a mile south of Ramp 4 and an additional 0.1 of a mile of shoreline is open to pedestrian access.

- August 6, 2009: The Bodie Island Spit prenesting area has been removed and there is ORV access for approximately 1.3 miles from Ramp 4 to the inlet. The wintering protection area has been installed, based on last year's monitoring of the area. It includes an ORV access corridor to the north side of the Bait Pond to within 30 meters of the Bait Pond. From that point, pedestrian access is allowed. On the southwestern most tip of the Spit, about 100 meters on the western shoreline of the Spit near the bridge is marked for pedestrian access only via boat landings.
- July 29, 2009: The RESOURCE protection area was restored to the prenesting closure configuration, with its associated access corridor. Portions of the corridor at the southeast side of the spit have been lost to erosion, which currently limits access past that point to the inlet. The inlet shoreline south/west of the eroded area is open to boat landing (i.e., pedestrian access by boat.)
- July 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced) 0.5 of a mile south of Ramp 4 due to an AMOY chick considered to be fledged but not yet proficient in flying. Approximately 0.1 of a mile of shoreline was opened to pedestrians. No dogs will be allowed inside the pedestrian corridor. (REMOVED: July 29, 2009)
- June 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 17, 2009; opens 0.3 of a mile of shoreline to "limited access.")
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior. This closure, 0.8 of a mile in length, affects the "limited access" area for pedestrians south of Ramp 4 on the ocean shoreline.
- May 4, 2009: The Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) closure was modified (reduced) and the original prenesting shoreline was re-established when an AMOY pair nested elsewhere.
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.7 miles south of Ramp 4 (southern tip of Bodie Island Spit) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. Although, this does not currently affect ORV access, the closure does affect a portion of limited beach access for pedestrians.

- April 25, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the south shore of the Bait Pond for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- On April 10, 2009: The North Shore/Bait Pond closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 27, 2009)
- April 2, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the north shore of the Bait Pond, under the Bonner Bridge and east to the tidal creek, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure precludes ORV access along the ocean shoreline 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4.
- April 2, 2009: Due to continuing erosion of the ocean shoreline, the existing RESOURCE protection area has been extended approximately 0.2 miles south, which precludes pedestrian access in the inter-tidal zone past the closure.
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.3 miles south of Ramp 4 along the ocean shoreline, as a result of observed piping plover breeding behavior.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established that included interior areas of the spit and the “pond” shoreline and allowed an ORV access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline to a point 1.4 miles south of Ramp 4 and pedestrian access to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access in the RESOURCE protection area.

**Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo:** (Pea Island NWR boundary to Ramp 23 - 3.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access.

**Rodanthe – Ramp 23**

- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 miles south of Rodanthe Pier. This area will be expanded on August 19<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.2 miles south of Rodanthe Pier. This area will be expanded on August 15<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.** On July 26, 2009, a RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) located approximately 1.2 miles south of Rodanthe Pier, in a section of beach open to pedestrian access only, was deliberately vandalized. All closure signs and fencing at the site were removed and taken from the area, leaving the nest unmarked. The nest did not appear to be damaged. As a result of the violation, the buffer was expanded 50 meters and signed accordingly.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.3 miles south of Rodanthe Pier. This area will be expanded on August 6<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.0 miles north of Ramp 23. This area will be expanded on August 7<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 miles north of Ramp 23. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This area will be expanded on August 4<sup>th</sup>. This nest is



located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.

**Ramp 23 - Ramp 27:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 23 is closed to ORV and pedestrian access.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.1 miles south of Ramp 23. This area will be expanded on August 11th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection areas (least tern colonies) and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.4 miles south of Ramp 23. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on July 30th. This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection areas (least tern colonies) and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.0 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 7th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection areas (least tern colonies) and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.9 miles north of Ramp 27. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 26th. This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection areas (least tern colonies) and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- July 20, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 was modified (moved north) for unfledged LETE chicks.
- July 15, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded) on the southern boundary for observed unfledged LETE chicks.
- July 4, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary for observed unfledged LETE chicks.
- July 3, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.9 of a mile north of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded) for observed unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 29, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was expanded by 50 meters due to deliberate violations (vandalism of the barricade and fencing).
- June 22, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) immediately adjacent (north) of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded) for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 18, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.9 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 15, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded to the west, north and south) for observed LETE breeding behavior and chicks.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 23 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established in front of Ramp 23 for observed LETE breeding behavior.

- June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on northern and southern ends) 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 23 or 2.3 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 8, 2009)
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for LETE breeding behavior.

### **Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet; 33.3 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: **17.6** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; **12.1** miles open to pedestrians only; **0.6** miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); **3.0** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

#### **Ramp 27 - Ramp 30:** (2.1 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 27 is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

- August 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded on the southern end to ensure 200 meter buffer) for observed unfledged LETE chicks.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles south of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 11th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.6 miles south of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 18th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**
- July 20, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) at Ramp 27 was removed which reopens shoreline access for 1.0 mile north and 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.5 miles north of Ramp 30. This nest is within the expected “hatch window” and the buffer will be expanded on July 27th. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- July 18 & 16 & 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was modified (adjusted/moved to ensure 200 meter buffer) for observed unfledged AMOY chicks.
- July 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was modified (expanded) for observed unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 28, 2009: Full beach closures (RESOURCE protection area) on either side of Ramp 27 were expanded by 50 meters due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing).
- June 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on south end) 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on north end, reduced on south end) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 110 meters south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.
- May 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.
- May 28, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was reduced when a pair of AMOY lost a nest. The original protection area was retained for observed continued breeding behavior.
- May 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- May 21, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 24, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established (and then modified (expanded) on April 27, 2009) approximately 0.3 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior and unfledged AMOY chicks.
- April 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 24, 2009)
- April 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 28, 2009: The existing RESOURCE protection area was expanded to the south for observed American oystercatcher (AMOY) breeding behavior.
- March 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.1 miles north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 30 - Ramp 34:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access south of Ramp 30 and for 2.4 miles north of Ramp 34 (and 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 34 to the Avon Village line.)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles south of Ramp 30. The nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This area will be expanded on August 5th. There is ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)

- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- April 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile north of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)

**Ramp 34 - Ramp 38:** (3.9 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 34 is open for ORV and pedestrian use (see above.) The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 38 north to the Avon Village line and south to the Haulover area.

- June 8, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 23, 2009)
- May 27, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) immediately south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. There is currently no beach access from Ramp 34 for ORVs or pedestrians, however, the parking lot adjacent to Hwy. 12 will remain open for parking.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure in front of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established directly in front of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. Pedestrians will be routed around the backside of the closure for access to the beach.

**Ramp 38 - Ramp 43:** (6.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38. There is pedestrian access from approximately 6.0 miles south of Ramp 38 to Ramp 43.

- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 15th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.1 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 17th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will not be ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune.**
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 3.0 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 17th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore will not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**
- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 2.3 miles south of Ramp 39 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 29, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on July 16. There will be a pedestrian access behind

(west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." **(REMOVED: August 7, 2009)**

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 11th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.4 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 9th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- June 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on the northern end, reduced on the southern end) 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for LETE breeding behavior.
- June 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 20, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior. **(REMOVED: June 3, 2009)**
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp 38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. **(REMOVED: June 18, 2009)**
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp 38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.9 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary (now 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38), in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. **(REMOVED: May 13, 2009)**
- April 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. **(REMOVED on April 17, 2009)**
- April 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.9 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. **(REMOVED on April 17, 2009)**
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 2.8 miles long, beginning 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 38 to .4 of a mile north of Ramp 43, due to very narrow beaches. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on August 8th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 43. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 2nd. This is



within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.

**Ramp 43 - Ramp 44:** (0.4 of a mile)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 43 to Ramp 44.

- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles north of Ramp 44. This area will be expanded on August 16th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**
- June 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced and adjusted to the south) for unfledged AMOY chicks. The closure adjustment opens 0.1 of a mile to ORV access south of Ramp 43 and pedestrian access (staying out of the marked closure areas) via a pedestrian corridor along the ocean shoreline between Ramp 43 and Ramp 44.
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 43 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 44 - Ramp 45:** (Cape Point: 2.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 44 is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point. The Interdunal Road and Ramp 45 are open to ORV and pedestrian access. Salt Pond Road is closed.

- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 miles east of Salt Pond Road. This area will be expanded on August 18th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**
- July 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced) on the east side of Cape Point due to AMOY chicks considered to be fledged but not yet proficient flyers. Approximately 0.9 of a mile of shoreline was opened to pedestrians. No dogs will be allowed inside the pedestrian corridor. (REMOVED: July 29, 2009)
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at the southern tip of Cape Point for LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced to north, expanded to south) at Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Ramp 44 due to the presence of piping plover chicks at Cape Point. Ramp 44 is closed to ORV use. (REMOVED: July 8, 2009)
- May 10 & 11, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified, Ramp 44 and 0.4 of a mile of ocean shoreline south of Ramp 44 re-opened for ORV use. The closure was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed PIPL and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified (expanded) for observed PIPL breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified a second time this week for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This modification closes Ramp 44 to ORV access.
- April 27, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified; this modification of 0.1 mile affected the ocean shoreline on the southern boundary of the closure, and the eastern boundary of the prenesting closure was expanded by 30 meters for observed AMOY and PIPL breeding behavior.

- On April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the ocean shoreline in front of Ramp 45 for observed PIPL breeding behavior. Ramp 45 is closed to ORV and pedestrian access just north of the dune line. (REMOVED: July 20, 2009)
- On April 19, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 was modified (extended) 300 meters to the south for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure is now 0.4 of a mile in length and there is no ORV or pedestrian access within the resource protection area.
- On April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Cape Point that included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure from approximately 0.2 miles south/west of Cape Point to approximately 0.3 east of Ramp 45; and allowed for an access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline. The total closure distance was approximately 1.0 mile in length. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 45 - Ramp 49:** (South Beach: 3.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 45 is open. Access is also open from Ramp 49 for 1.5 miles east to where a RESOURCE protection area is located. There is no through access between Ramps 45 and 49.

- **August 8, 2009: The South Beach prenesting area was removed and there is ORV access west of Ramp 45 for 1.4 miles. A RESOURCE protection area was left in place 1.4 miles west of Ramp 45 for an unfledged LETE chick. The required 200-meter buffer was established as the South Beach prenesting closure was removed. This closure prevents through access from Ramp 45 to Ramp 49 until the chick is fledged.**
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.5 miles southwest of Ramp 45. This area will be expanded on August 13. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.5 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on August 16th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 of a mile northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on July 22. There will be ORV and pedestrian access available behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window."
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.6 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on July 18. This is a full beach closure. There will not be ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 10, 2009)
- July 2, 2009: The westernmost boundary of the South Beach pre-nesting area was modified (reduced) as LETE chicks hatch and move within the interior of the closure.
- May 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed GBTE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed LETE breeding behavior. In addition, 0.2 of a mile of "limited access" within the closure is now closed to all entry for LETE breeding behavior.

- April 28, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) which further reduces the limited access section along the shoreline to 0.2 of a mile.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure was established on the western boundary of the existing South Beach pre-nesting area closure for observed AMOY breeding behavior which precludes ORV corridor access or pedestrian access along the lower beach.
- March 31, 2009: The western boundary of the existing full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was expanded by 50 meters due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing).
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established from approximately 0.2 miles to 0.7 miles west of Ramp 45 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Beach that included upper beach areas that encompass the dunes and extends towards the ocean but allows for an ORV corridor along the lower beach. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 49 - Ramp 55:** (5.9 miles; includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV use for 0.4 of a mile southwest of Ramp 49 to the Frisco line. There is pedestrian, but not ORV, access from the Frisco line to 0.1 of a mile east of Ramp 55.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest) is located approximately 0.4 of a mile southwest of Ramp 49. This area was expanded on July 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 8, 2009)
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.0 miles southwest of Ramp 49. This nest will be expanded on August 16th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore will not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.8 miles southwest of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on August 17th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**
- May 27, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for unfledged AMOY chicks. (REMOVED: July 21, 2009)
- April 29, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was established (adjusted) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 5, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 13, 2009: A 150 meter buffer was established southwest of the Sandy Bay parking lot for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.7 miles long. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 55. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest will be expanded on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area,

however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.8 miles north of Ramp 55. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This nest will be expanded on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 12, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.4 miles north of Ramp 55. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This area will be expanded on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.

**Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet:** (Hatteras Inlet Spit: 2.7 miles)

Current Status: ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south/west to Hatteras Inlet. Access to the inlet for ORVs and pedestrians, including the “Rip,” is open. ORV access at the inlet may be impassable at high tide. The Pole Road is open to ORV and pedestrians south to the north end of the Isabel overwash area where traffic is routed onto the beach due to a pre-nesting protection area. Cable Crossing and Spur Road (south of the Isabel overwash area) are open.

- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 40 meters north of Ramp 55. This area will be expanded on August 13th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**
- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 1.0 mile south of Ramp 55 was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 9, 2009)
- June 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.0 mile south of Ramp 55 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. The closure necessitates the closure of Hatteras Spit south of the Isabel overwash area. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- June 1, 2009: At Hatteras Inlet the original pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) at Hatteras Inlet for AMOY chicks. The closure necessitates the closure of the Spur Road. ORV and pedestrian access is open for 0.8 of a mile along the sound shoreline from Cable Crossing Road to just south of the terminus of the Spur Road. ORV access is tide dependent. (REMOVED: June 23, 2009)
- March 30, 2009: Due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing), the eastern boundary of the Hatteras Inlet pre-nesting area was expanded for a total of 0.1 mile (50 meters east of the easternmost vandalized sign). (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Hatteras Inlet Spit that included the ocean beach from approximately 0.1 mile south of the southern exit of Pole Road south/west to the inlet, then along the inlet shoreline to the sound shoreline 110 meters south of the Spur Road. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the soundside at the Isabel overwash area that included portions of the Pole Road adjacent to the overwash fans. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area. Ocean shoreline access is open past this area.

**Ocracoke Island District (18.5 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: **8.2** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; **8.3** miles open to pedestrians only; **0.0** miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); **2.0** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

**Hatteras Inlet (North Ocracoke Spit) to Ramp 59:** (1.4 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.3 of a mile north of Ramp 59.

- July 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.3 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established and modified (expanded) on May 13, 2009, approximately 0.4 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at North Ocracoke Spit that included interior areas and the inlet shoreline and portions of the ocean shoreline. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 59 - Ramp 67:** (7.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV access for 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 and 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian, but not ORV access, from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.5 miles south of Ramp 59. This nest is within the expected "hatch window and the buffer will be expanded on July 26th. This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 5.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 15th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 4.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 15th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.9 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 14th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 miles north of Ramp 67. This nest is within the expected “hatch window” and the buffer will be expanded on July 25th. This



is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on July 18. This is a full beach closure. There will not be ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 5, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area was expanded on July 13. This area is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 5, 2009)
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.5 mile north of Ramp 59 for LETE chicks.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.6 miles southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)
- April 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 3 miles southwest of Ramp 59, in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED May 4, 2009)
- April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 5.2 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

**Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (includes Ramp 68):** (3.9 miles; includes Ramp 68)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV for 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 67 and 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 70. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian access from Ramp 67 and Ramp 70.

- May 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 2, 2009)
- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded & reduced), expanded by 0.1 of a mile on the northeast end of the existing closure and reduced by 0.3 of a mile on the southwestern end, located 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 15, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 miles north of Ramp 70. This area was expanded on August 19th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.7 miles north of Ramp 70. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This area will be expanded on August 1st. This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (extended) approximately 1.3 miles north of Ramp 70 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.2 miles north of Ramp 70. This nest is within the expected “hatch window” and the buffer will be expanded on July 28th. This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 70. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This area will be expanded on August 3rd. This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.

#### **Ramp 70 - Ramp 72:** (1.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 70. This area will be expanded on July 18. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. The nest is within the expected “hatch window.”
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles north of Ramp 72. This nest is within the expected “hatch window” and the buffer will be expanded on July 24th. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.

#### **Ramp 72 to South Point:** (3.5 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access on the ocean shoreline for **1.9** of a mile south of Ramp 72.

- **August 9, 2009: The South Point prenesting area has been removed and there is ORV access for approximately 1.9 miles south of Ramp 72 to the inlet. The wintering protection area has been installed, based on last year’s monitoring of the area. It includes a 30-meter wide ORV corridor to the north side of the wintering protection area for access to the soundside. There is ORV access to the inlet for approximately 0.8 of a mile. From that point, pedestrian access is allowed to the soundside.**
- July 3, 2009: The South Point closure south of Ramp 72 was modified (reduced) which opens 0.5 of a mile of ocean shoreline for ORV access and a pedestrian only corridor extends south for another 0.4 of a mile. (See June 12 entry below for further.)
- June 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at South Point for unfledged AMOY chicks. Approximately 0.7 of a mile of “limited access” shoreline at the inlet is closed to public entry. “No landing” signs have been posted. (This expansion was REMOVED: July 10, 2009/PIPL chicks fledged; opens approx. 0.7 of a mile of “limited access” shoreline on Ocracoke Inlet.)
- June 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.1 miles south of Ramp 72 for unfledged LETE chicks. This modification closes almost all of the “limited access” area on the east side of South Point.
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for unfledged Piping Plover chicks. (This expansion was REMOVED and then modified on: July 10 & July 13, 2009/PIPL chicks fledged and LETE nests/chicks; opens ORV and pedestrian access 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 72)
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.

- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.3 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for observed BLSK and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 10, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile south of Ramp 72 for observed least tern breeding behavior.
- March 24, 2009: The pre-nesting area was expanded by 50 meters at two locations at the inlet due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing). One of the expansions precludes ORV access to the inlet shoreline. Pedestrian access is permitted below the tide line to portions of the inlet shoreline outside of the established pre-nesting area.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Point Ocracoke that included the sound shoreline, portions of the inlet shoreline, and interior portions of the spit; and allowed an access corridor along the ocean shoreline to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including piping plovers, American oystercatchers, colonial waterbirds (3 species of terns and black skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians, and pets.

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## National Park Service Beach Access Report for August 20, 2009

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**Strong surf conditions, high tides and rip currents are expected along the beaches of Cape Hatteras National Seashore over the next several days as Hurricane Bill continues a northern path in the Atlantic Ocean. Portions of the beaches will experience heavy surf conditions and areas may be impassable during high tides. Visitors may find closures of certain ramps and interdunal routes or experience areas of deep, standing water. Visitors should exercise caution while traveling in the park. Pay close attention to tide changes, surf and wind conditions.**

Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches will be managed again this summer under the terms of the U.S. District Court approved consent decree. Park visitors can expect to see resource closures for breeding shorebirds in effect to varying degrees from mid-March to mid-to-late-August and turtle nesting closures may occur until early November. Shorebird pre-nesting closures have already been established at the inlets, Cape Point, and South Beach. As soon as subsequent breeding activity is observed, the consent decree requires that automatic, non-discretionary buffers be implemented.

The Beach Access Report is issued every Thursday throughout the breeding season, **and updated news will be reported weekly in bold, BLUE print.** **\*\*All distances are approximate.\*\*** The weekly Beach Access Report is complemented by a Google Earth map, which is updated up to 5 times per week as access conditions change. The latest Google Earth beach access map can be viewed at:  
<http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/googleearthmap.htm>

Note: Closure conditions may change in the field on short notice. **On-site signage, rather than the Beach Access Report or Google Earth map, is the most accurate and current indication of what is open or closed to the public.** Closed areas are clearly marked in the field with “symbolic fencing” consisting of wooden or carsonite posts, closure signs, string, and flagging tape. Knowledge of tidal changes and caution should be exercised while traveling the beaches of the park. Pets are prohibited in resource protection areas. Elsewhere, pets must be physically restrained at all time on a lease not exceeding 6 feet in length.

AMOY = American Oystercatcher, PIPL = Piping Plover, LETE = Least Terns, BLSK = Black Skimmers, COTE = Common Tern, GUTE = Gull-billed Terns, WIPL = Wilson’s Plover

The National Park Service is committed to providing accurate and current information on the beach access and temporary resource closure issue for the visiting public and our community neighbors. We continue to receive questions about issues related to beach access and have developed a “Frequently Asked Questions” information sheet that is now posted on the Seashore’s website at: <http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/off-road-vehicle-use.htm>

Beach access mileage summaries are included for each district. The mileage is determined on a weekly basis using GIS data.

As a reminder, the seasonal ORV closures of designated beaches went into effect on May 15, 2009.

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### **Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27; 15.7 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: **6.7** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; 6.4 miles open to pedestrians only; **1.5** miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); 1.1 miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

#### **Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)** (1.2 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access, but not for ORV access.

- An ORV SAFETY closure is 1.2 miles long.

#### **Ramp 2 - Ramp 4** (2.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 2 is closed. The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from approximately 0.1 south of Ramp 2 to Ramp 4.

#### **Ramp 4 – Oregon Inlet** (Bodie Island Spit: 2.1 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV access for 1.3 of a mile south of Ramp 4 and an additional 0.1 of a mile of shoreline is open to pedestrian access.

- August 6, 2009: The Bodie Island Spit prenesting area has been removed and there is ORV access for approximately 1.3 miles from Ramp 4 to the inlet. The wintering protection area has been installed, based on last year’s monitoring of the area. It includes an ORV access corridor to the north side of the Bait Pond to within 30 meters of the Bait Pond. From that point, pedestrian access is allowed. On the southwestern most tip of the Spit, about 100 meters on the western shoreline of the Spit near the bridge is marked for pedestrian access only via boat landings.
- July 29, 2009: The RESOURCE protection area was restored to the prenesting closure configuration, with its associated access corridor. Portions of the corridor at the southeast side of the spit have been lost to erosion, which currently limits access past that point to the inlet. The inlet shoreline south/west of the eroded area is open to boat landing (i.e., pedestrian access by boat.)
- July 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced) 0.5 of a mile south of Ramp 4 due to an AMOY chick considered to be fledged but not yet proficient in flying. Approximately 0.1 of a mile of shoreline was opened to pedestrians. No dogs will be allowed inside the pedestrian corridor. (REMOVED: July 29, 2009)
- June 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 17, 2009; opens 0.3 of a mile of shoreline to “limited access.”)
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior. This closure, 0.8 of a mile in length, affects the “limited access” area for pedestrians south of Ramp 4 on the ocean shoreline.



- May 4, 2009: The Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) closure was modified (reduced) and the original prenesting shoreline was re-established when an AMOY pair nested elsewhere.
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.7 miles south of Ramp 4 (southern tip of Bodie Island Spit) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. Although, this does not currently affect ORV access, the closure does affect a portion of limited beach access for pedestrians.
- April 25, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the south shore of the Bait Pond for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- On April 10, 2009: The North Shore/Bait Pond closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 27, 2009)
- April 2, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the north shore of the Bait Pond, under the Bonner Bridge and east to the tidal creek, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure precludes ORV access along the ocean shoreline 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4.
- April 2, 2009: Due to continuing erosion of the ocean shoreline, the existing RESOURCE protection area has been extended approximately 0.2 miles south, which precludes pedestrian access in the inter-tidal zone past the closure.
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.3 miles south of Ramp 4 along the ocean shoreline, as a result of observed piping plover breeding behavior.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established that included interior areas of the spit and the “pond” shoreline and allowed an ORV access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline to a point 1.4 miles south of Ramp 4 and pedestrian access to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access in the RESOURCE protection area.

**Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo:** (Pea Island NWR boundary to Ramp 23 - 3.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access.

**Rodanthe – Ramp 23**

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 miles south of Rodanthe Pier. This area will be expanded on August 19<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.2 miles south of Rodanthe Pier. This area will be expanded on August 15<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. On July 26, 2009, a RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) located approximately 1.2 miles south of Rodanthe Pier, in a section of beach open to pedestrian access only, was deliberately vandalized. All closure signs and fencing at the site were removed and taken from the area, leaving the nest unmarked. The nest did not appear to be damaged. As a result of the violation, the buffer was expanded 50 meters and signed accordingly.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.3 miles south of Rodanthe Pier. This area will be expanded on August 6<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.0 miles north of Ramp 23. This area will be expanded on August 7<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is

located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 miles north of Ramp 23. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This area will be expanded on August 4<sup>th</sup>. This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.

**Ramp 23 - Ramp 27:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 23 is closed to ORV and pedestrian access.

- **On August 17 and 18, 2009, the RESOURCE protection area located at Ramp 23 was deliberately vandalized. This was the second and third deliberate violation to occur at this site. As a result of the violations, the buffer was expanded 100 meters for the second deliberate violation and 500 meters for the third deliberate violation and the area was signed accordingly.**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.1 miles south of Ramp 23. This area will be expanded on August 11th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." **This nest is located between an expanded sea turtle nest (to the south) and a least tern colony (to the north). There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.4 miles south of Ramp 23. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This area will be expanded on July 30th. This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection areas (least tern colonies) and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. **(REMOVED: August 14, 2009)**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.0 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 7th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." **This nest is now a full beach closure. There is no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.9 miles north of Ramp 27. This nest is within the expected “hatch window” and the buffer will be expanded on July 26th. This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection areas (least tern colonies) and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. **(REMOVED: August 14, 2009)**
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.1 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 23rd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection area (expanded sea turtle nest sites), and therefore does not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the other sea turtle nests are removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**
- July 20, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 was modified (moved north) for unfledged LETE chicks. **(REMOVED: August 18, 2009)**
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.8 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 23rd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**
- July 15, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded) on the southern boundary for observed unfledged LETE chicks.

- July 4, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary for observed unfledged LETE chicks.
- July 3, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.9 of a mile north of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded) for observed unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 29, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was expanded by 50 meters due to deliberate violations (vandalism of the barricade and fencing).
- June 22, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) immediately adjacent (north) of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded) for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 18, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.9 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 15, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded to the west, north and south) for observed LETE breeding behavior and chicks.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 23 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established in front of Ramp 23 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on northern and southern ends) 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 23 or 2.3 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 8, 2009)
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for LETE breeding behavior.

### **Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet; 33.3 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: **17.0** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; **12.7** miles open to pedestrians only; **1.1** miles of "limited access" (open to pedestrians between closures); **2.5** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

#### **Ramp 27 - Ramp 30:** (2.1 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 27 is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

- August 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded on the southern end to ensure 200 meter buffer) for observed unfledged LETE chicks. **(REMOVED: August 18, 2009)**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles south of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 11th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.6 miles south of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 18th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This

is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.

- July 20, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) at Ramp 27 was removed which reopens shoreline access for 1.0 mile north and 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.5 miles north of Ramp 30. This nest is within the expected “hatch window” and the buffer will be expanded on July 27th. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- July 18 & 16 & 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was modified (adjusted/moved to ensure 200 meter buffer) for observed unfledged AMOY chicks.
- July 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was modified (expanded) for observed unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 28, 2009: Full beach closures (RESOURCE protection area) on either side of Ramp 27 were expanded by 50 meters due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing).
- June 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on south end) 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on north end, reduced on south end) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 110 meters south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.
- May 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.
- May 28, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was reduced when a pair of AMOY lost a nest. The original protection area was retained for observed continued breeding behavior.
- May 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- May 21, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 24, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established (and then modified (expanded) on April 27, 2009) approximately 0.3 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior and unfledged AMOY chicks.
- April 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 24, 2009)
- April 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 28, 2009: The existing RESOURCE protection area was expanded to the south for observed American oystercatcher (AMOY) breeding behavior.
- March 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.1 miles north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 30 - Ramp 34:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access south of Ramp 30 and for 2.4 miles north of Ramp 34 (and 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 34 to the Avon Village line.)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles south of Ramp 30. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 5th. There is ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- April 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile north of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)

**Ramp 34 - Ramp 38:** (3.9 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 34 is open for ORV and pedestrian use (see above.) The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 38 north to the Avon Village line and south to the Haulover area.

- June 8, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 23, 2009)
- May 27, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) immediately south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. There is currently no beach access from Ramp 34 for ORVs or pedestrians, however, the parking lot adjacent to Hwy. 12 will remain open for parking.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure in front of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established directly in front of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. Pedestrians will be routed around the backside of the closure for access to the beach.
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.3 miles north of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 21st. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**

**Ramp 38 - Ramp 43:** (6.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38. There is pedestrian access from approximately 6.0 miles south of Ramp 38 to Ramp 43.



- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 15th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.1 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 17th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will not be ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune.
- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 2.3 miles south of Ramp 39 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 29, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on July 16. There will be a pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 7, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 11th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.4 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 9th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 3.0 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 17th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore will not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- June 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on the northern end, reduced on the southern end) 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for LETE breeding behavior.
- June 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 20, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 3, 2009)
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp 38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 18, 2009)

- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp 38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.9 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary (now 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38), in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)
- April 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- April 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.9 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 2.8 miles long, beginning 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 38 to .4 of a mile north of Ramp 43, due to very narrow beaches. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on August 8th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 43. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 2nd. This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on August 26th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**

**Ramp 43 - Ramp 44:** (0.4 of a mile)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 43 to Ramp 44.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles north of Ramp 44. This area will be expanded on August 16th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- June 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced and adjusted to the south) for unfledged AMOY chicks. The closure adjustment opens 0.1 of a mile to ORV access south of Ramp 43 and pedestrian access (staying out of the marked closure areas) via a pedestrian corridor along the ocean shoreline between Ramp 43 and Ramp 44.
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 43 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 44 - Ramp 45:** (Cape Point: 2.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 44 is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point. The Interdunal Road and Ramp 45 are open to ORV and pedestrian access. Salt Pond Road is closed.

- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.5 miles east of Salt Pond Road. This area will be expanded on August 20th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and**

**therefore does not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 miles east of Salt Pond Road. This area will be expanded on August 18th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- July 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced) on the east side of Cape Point due to AMOY chicks considered to be fledged but not yet proficient flyers. Approximately 0.9 of a mile of shoreline was opened to pedestrians. No dogs will be allowed inside the pedestrian corridor. (REMOVED: July 29, 2009)
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at the southern tip of Cape Point for LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced to north, expanded to south) at Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Ramp 44 due to the presence of piping plover chicks at Cape Point. Ramp 44 is closed to ORV use. (REMOVED: July 8, 2009)
- May 10 & 11, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified, Ramp 44 and 0.4 of a mile of ocean shoreline south of Ramp 44 re-opened for ORV use. The closure was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed PIPL and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified (expanded) for observed PIPL breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified a second time this week for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This modification closes Ramp 44 to ORV access.
- April 27, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified; this modification of 0.1 mile affected the ocean shoreline on the southern boundary of the closure, and the eastern boundary of the prenesting closure was expanded by 30 meters for observed AMOY and PIPL breeding behavior.
- On April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the ocean shoreline in front of Ramp 45 for observed PIPL breeding behavior. Ramp 45 is closed to ORV and pedestrian access just north of the dune line. (REMOVED: July 20, 2009)
- On April 19, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 was modified (extended) 300 meters to the south for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure is now 0.4 of a mile in length and there is no ORV or pedestrian access within the resource protection area.
- On April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Cape Point that included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure from approximately 0.2 miles south/west of Cape Point to approximately 0.3 east of Ramp 45; and allowed for an access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline. The total closure distance was approximately 1.0 mile in length. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 45 - Ramp 49:** (South Beach: 3.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 45 is open. There is ORV access 1.5 miles northeast of Ramp 49 and approximately 1.5 miles southwest of Ramp 45. There is no through access between Ramp 45 to Ramp 49.

- August 8, 2009: The South Beach prenesting area was removed and there is ORV access west of Ramp 45 for 1.4 miles. A RESOURCE protection area was left in place 1.4 miles west of Ramp 45 for an unfledged LETE chick. The required 200-meter buffer was established as the South Beach prenesting closure was removed. This closure prevents through access from Ramp 45 to Ramp 49 until the chick is fledged. **(REMOVED: August 17, 2009, note: A full beach sea turtle nest site protections area approximately 1.5 miles northeast of Ramp 49 prohibits through access between Ramp 49 and Ramp 45 until the nest hatches.)**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.5 miles southwest of Ramp 45. This area will be expanded on August 13. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." **This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. The tern colony has been REMOVED (8/17), and there is now ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.5 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on August 16th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 of a mile northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on July 22. There will be ORV and pedestrian access available behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window."
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.6 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on July 18. This is a full beach closure. There will not be ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 10,2009)
- July 2, 2009: The westernmost boundary of the South Beach pre-nesting area was modified (reduced) as LETE chicks hatch and move within the interior of the closure.
- May 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed GBTE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed LETE breeding behavior. In addition, 0.2 of a mile of "limited access" within the closure is now closed to all entry for LETE breeding behavior.
- April 28, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) which further reduces the limited access section along the shoreline to 0.2 of a mile.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure was established on the western boundary of the existing South Beach pre-nesting area closure for observed AMOY breeding behavior which precludes ORV corridor access or pedestrian access along the lower beach.
- March 31, 2009: The western boundary of the existing full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was expanded by 50 meters due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing).
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established from approximately 0.2 miles to 0.7 miles west of Ramp 45 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Beach that included upper beach areas that encompass the dunes and extends towards the ocean but allows for an ORV corridor along the lower beach. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.



**Ramp 49 - Ramp 55:** (5.9 miles; includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV use for 0.4 of a mile southwest of Ramp 49 to the Frisco line. There is pedestrian, but not ORV, access from the Frisco line to 0.1 of a mile east of Ramp 55.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest) is located approximately 0.4 of a mile southwest of Ramp 49. This area was expanded on July 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 8, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.0 miles southwest of Ramp 49. This nest will be expanded on August 16<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore will not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.8 miles southwest of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on August 17<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- May 27, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for unfledged AMOY chicks. (REMOVED: July 21, 2009)
- April 29, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was established (adjusted) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 5, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 13, 2009: A 150 meter buffer was established southwest of the Sandy Bay parking lot for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.7 miles long. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.8 miles north of Ramp 55. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest will be expanded on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 12, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.4 miles north of Ramp 55. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 55. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest will be expanded on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 40 meters north of Ramp 55. This area will be expanded on August 13<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the



location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.

**Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet:** (Hatteras Inlet Spit: 2.7 miles)

Current Status: ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south/west to Hatteras Inlet. Access to the inlet for ORVs and pedestrians, including the “Rip,” is open. ORV access at the inlet may be impassable at high tide. The Pole Road is open to ORV and pedestrians south to the north end of the Isabel overwash area where traffic is routed onto the beach due to a pre-nesting protection area. Cable Crossing and Spur Road (south of the Isabel overwash area) are open.

- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 1.0 mile south of Ramp 55 was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 9, 2009)
- June 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.0 mile south of Ramp 55 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. The closure necessitates the closure of Hatteras Spit south of the Isabel overwash area. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- June 1, 2009: At Hatteras Inlet the original pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) at Hatteras Inlet for AMOY chicks. The closure necessitates the closure of the Spur Road. ORV and pedestrian access is open for 0.8 of a mile along the sound shoreline from Cable Crossing Road to just south of the terminus of the Spur Road. ORV access is tide dependent. (REMOVED: June 23, 2009)
- March 30, 2009: Due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing), the eastern boundary of the Hatteras Inlet pre-nesting area was expanded for a total of 0.1 mile (50 meters east of the easternmost vandalized sign). (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Hatteras Inlet Spit that included the ocean beach from approximately 0.1 mile south of the southern exit of Pole Road south/west to the inlet, then along the inlet shoreline to the sound shoreline 110 meters south of the Spur Road. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the soundside at the Isabel overwash area that included portions of the Pole Road adjacent to the overwash fans. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area. Ocean shoreline access is open past this area.

**Ocracoke Island District (18.5 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: **8.2** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; **7.1** miles open to pedestrians only; **1.0** miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); **2.0** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

**Hatteras Inlet (North Ocracoke Spit) to Ramp 59:** (1.4 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.3 of a mile north of Ramp 59.

- July 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.3 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established and modified (expanded) on May 13, 2009, approximately 0.4 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at North Ocracoke Spit that included interior areas and the inlet shoreline and portions of the ocean shoreline. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 59 - Ramp 67:** (7.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV access for 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 and 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian, but not ORV access, from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.5 miles south of Ramp 59. This nest is within the expected "hatch window and the buffer will be expanded on July 26th. This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. **(REMOVED: August 14, 2009)**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 5.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 15th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 4.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 15th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.9 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 14th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.1 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 22nd. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 miles north of Ramp 67. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 25th. This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. **(REMOVED: August 14, 2009)**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on July 18. This is a full beach closure. There will not be ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." **(REMOVED: August 5, 2009)**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area was expanded on July 13. This area is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." **(REMOVED: August 5, 2009)**
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.5 mile north of Ramp 59 for LETE chicks.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.6 miles southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)
- April 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 3 miles southwest of Ramp 59, in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED May 4, 2009)
- April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 5.2 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

**Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (includes Ramp 68):** (3.9 miles; includes Ramp 68)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV for 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 67 and 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 70. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian access from Ramp 67 and Ramp 70.

- May 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 2, 2009)
- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded & reduced), expanded by 0.1 of a mile on the northeast end of the existing closure and reduced by 0.3 of a mile on the southwestern end, located 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 15, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.7 miles north of Ramp 70. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 1st. This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (extended) approximately 1.3 miles north of Ramp 70 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.2 miles north of Ramp 70. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 28th. This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 miles north of Ramp 70. This area was expanded on August 19th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 70. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 3rd. This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.

**Ramp 70 - Ramp 72:** (1.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 70. This area will be expanded on July 18. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. The nest is within the expected “hatch window.”
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles north of Ramp 72. This nest is within the expected “hatch window” and the buffer will be expanded on July 24th. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 miles north of Ramp 72. This area will be expanded on August 22nd. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**

**Ramp 72 to South Point:** (3.5 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access on the ocean shoreline for **1.9** of a mile south of Ramp 72.

- August 9, 2009: The South Point prenesting area has been removed and there is ORV access for approximately 1.9 miles south of Ramp 72 to the inlet. The wintering protection area has been installed, based on last year’s monitoring of the area. It includes a 30-meter wide ORV corridor to the north side of the wintering protection area for access to the soundside. There is ORV access to the inlet for approximately 0.8 of a mile. From that point, pedestrian access is allowed to the soundside.
- July 3, 2009: The South Point closure south of Ramp 72 was modified (reduced) which opens 0.5 of a mile of ocean shoreline for ORV access and a pedestrian only corridor extends south for another 0.4 of a mile. (See June 12 entry below for further.)
- June 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at South Point for unfledged AMOY chicks. Approximately 0.7 of a mile of “limited access” shoreline at the inlet is closed to public entry. “No landing” signs have been posted. (This expansion was REMOVED: July 10, 2009/PIPL chicks fledged; opens approx. 0.7 of a mile of “limited access” shoreline on Ocracoke Inlet.)
- June 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.1 miles south of Ramp 72 for unfledged LETE chicks. This modification closes almost all of the “limited access” area on the east side of South Point.
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.6 miles south of Ramp 72. This area will be expanded on August 20th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for unfledged Piping Plover chicks. (This expansion was REMOVED and then modified on: July 10 & July 13, 2009/PIPL chicks fledged and LETE nests/chicks; opens ORV and pedestrian access 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 72)
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.3 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for observed BLSK and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 10, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile south of Ramp 72 for observed least tern breeding behavior.
- March 24, 2009: The pre-nesting area was expanded by 50 meters at two locations at the inlet due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing). One of the expansions precludes ORV access to the inlet shoreline. Pedestrian access is permitted below the tide line to portions of the inlet shoreline outside of the established pre-nesting area.

- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Point Ocracoke that included the sound shoreline, portions of the inlet shoreline, and interior portions of the spit; and allowed an access corridor along the ocean shoreline to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including piping plovers, American oystercatchers, colonial waterbirds (3 species of terns and black skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians, and pets.

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## National Park Service Beach Access Report for August 27, 2009

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**Strong surf conditions, high tides and rip currents are expected along the beaches of Cape Hatteras National Seashore over the next several days as Tropical Storm Danny continues a northern path in the Atlantic Ocean. Portions of the beaches will experience heavy surf conditions and areas may be impassable during high tides. Visitors may find closures of certain ramps and interdunal routes if storm overwash or flooding occurs. Visitors should exercise caution while traveling in the park. Pay close attention to tide changes, surf and wind conditions.**

Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches will be managed again this summer under the terms of the U.S. District Court approved consent decree. Park visitors can expect to see resource closures for breeding shorebirds in effect to varying degrees from mid-March to mid-to-late-August and turtle nesting closures may occur until early November. Shorebird pre-nesting closures have already been established at the inlets, Cape Point, and South Beach. As soon as subsequent breeding activity is observed, the consent decree requires that automatic, non-discretionary buffers be implemented.

The Beach Access Report is issued every Thursday throughout the breeding season, **and updated news will be reported weekly in bold, BLUE print.** **\*\*All distances are approximate.\*\*** The weekly Beach Access Report is complemented by a Google Earth map, which is updated up to 5 times per week as access conditions change. The latest Google Earth beach access map can be viewed at:  
<http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/googleearthmap.htm>

Note: Closure conditions may change in the field on short notice. **On-site signage, rather than the Beach Access Report or Google Earth map, is the most accurate and current indication of what is open or closed to the public.** Closed areas are clearly marked in the field with “symbolic fencing” consisting of wooden or carsonite posts, closure signs, string, and flagging tape. Knowledge of tidal changes and caution should be exercised while traveling the beaches of the park. Pets are prohibited in resource protection areas. Elsewhere, pets must be physically restrained at all time on a lease not exceeding 6 feet in length.

AMOY = American Oystercatcher, PIPL = Piping Plover, LETE = Least Terns, BLSK = Black Skimmers, COTE = Common Tern, GUTE = Gull-billed Terns, WIPL = Wilson’s Plover

The National Park Service is committed to providing accurate and current information on the beach access and temporary resource closure issue for the visiting public and our community neighbors. We continue to receive questions about issues related to beach access and have developed a “Frequently Asked Questions” information sheet that is now posted on the Seashore’s website at: <http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/off-road-vehicle-use.htm>

Beach access mileage summaries are included for each district. The mileage is determined on a weekly basis using GIS data.

As a reminder, the seasonal ORV closures of designated beaches went into effect on May 15, 2009.

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**Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27; 15.7 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: 6.7 miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; 6.4 miles open to pedestrians only; 1.6 miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); 1.0 miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

**Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)** (1.2 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access, but not for ORV access.

- An ORV SAFETY closure is 1.2 miles long.

**Ramp 2 - Ramp 4** (2.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 2 is closed. The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from approximately 0.1 south of Ramp 2 to Ramp 4.

**Ramp 4 – Oregon Inlet** (Bodie Island Spit: 2.1 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV access for 1.3 of a mile south of Ramp 4 and an additional 0.1 of a mile of shoreline is open to pedestrian access.

- August 6, 2009: The Bodie Island Spit prenesting area has been removed and there is ORV access for approximately 1.3 miles from Ramp 4 to the inlet. The wintering protection area has been installed, based on last year’s monitoring of the area. It includes an ORV access corridor to the north side of the Bait Pond to within 30 meters of the Bait Pond. From that point, pedestrian access is allowed. On the southwestern most tip of the Spit, about 100 meters on the western shoreline of the Spit near the bridge is marked for pedestrian access only via boat landings.
- July 29, 2009: The RESOURCE protection area was restored to the prenesting closure configuration, with its associated access corridor. Portions of the corridor at the southeast side of the spit have been lost to erosion, which currently limits access past that point to the inlet. The inlet shoreline south/west of the eroded area is open to boat landing (i.e., pedestrian access by boat.)
- July 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced) 0.5 of a mile south of Ramp 4 due to an AMOY chick considered to be fledged but not yet proficient in flying. Approximately 0.1 of a mile of shoreline was opened to pedestrians. No dogs will be allowed inside the pedestrian corridor. (REMOVED: July 29, 2009)
- June 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 17, 2009; opens 0.3 of a mile of shoreline to “limited access.”)
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior. This closure, 0.8 of a mile in length, affects the “limited access” area for pedestrians south of Ramp 4 on the ocean shoreline.

- May 4, 2009: The Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) closure was modified (reduced) and the original prenesting shoreline was re-established when an AMOY pair nested elsewhere.
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.7 miles south of Ramp 4 (southern tip of Bodie Island Spit) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. Although, this does not currently affect ORV access, the closure does affect a portion of limited beach access for pedestrians.
- April 25, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the south shore of the Bait Pond for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- On April 10, 2009: The North Shore/Bait Pond closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 27, 2009)
- April 2, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the north shore of the Bait Pond, under the Bonner Bridge and east to the tidal creek, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure precludes ORV access along the ocean shoreline 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4.
- April 2, 2009: Due to continuing erosion of the ocean shoreline, the existing RESOURCE protection area has been extended approximately 0.2 miles south, which precludes pedestrian access in the inter-tidal zone past the closure.
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.3 miles south of Ramp 4 along the ocean shoreline, as a result of observed piping plover breeding behavior.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established that included interior areas of the spit and the "pond" shoreline and allowed an ORV access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline to a point 1.4 miles south of Ramp 4 and pedestrian access to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access in the RESOURCE protection area.

**Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo:** (Pea Island NWR boundary to Ramp 23 - 3.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access.

**Rodanthe – Ramp 23**

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 miles south of Rodanthe Pier. This area will be expanded on August 19<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 26, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.2 miles south of Rodanthe Pier. This area will be expanded on August 15<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. On July 26, 2009, a RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) located approximately 1.2 miles south of Rodanthe Pier, in a section of beach open to pedestrian access only, was deliberately vandalized. All closure signs and fencing at the site were removed and taken from the area, leaving the nest unmarked. The nest did not appear to be damaged. As a result of the violation, the buffer was expanded 50 meters and signed accordingly. (REMOVED: August 25, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.3 miles south of Rodanthe Pier. This area will be expanded on August 6<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.0 miles north of Ramp 23. This area will be expanded on August 7<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 miles north of Ramp 23. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 4<sup>th</sup>. This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 20, 2009)

**Ramp 23 - Ramp 27:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 23 is closed to ORV and pedestrian access.

- On August 17 and 18, 2009, the RESOURCE protection area located at Ramp 23 was deliberately vandalized. This was the second and third deliberate violation to occur at this site. As a result of the violations, the buffer was expanded 100 meters for the second deliberate violation and 500 meters for the third deliberate violation and the area was signed accordingly.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.1 miles south of Ramp 23. This area will be expanded on August 11th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection areas (least tern colonies) and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.4 miles south of Ramp 23. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on July 30th. This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection areas (least tern colonies) and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.0 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 7th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is now a full beach closure. There is no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.9 miles north of Ramp 27. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 26th. This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection areas (least tern colonies) and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.1 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 23rd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection area (expanded sea turtle nest sites), and therefore does not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the other sea turtle nests are removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- July 20, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 was modified (moved north) for unfledged LETTE chicks. (REMOVED: August 18, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.8 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 23rd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure

outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.

- July 15, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded) on the southern boundary for observed unfledged LETE chicks.
- July 4, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary for observed unfledged LETE chicks.
- July 3, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.9 of a mile north of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded) for observed unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 29, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was expanded by 50 meters due to deliberate violations (vandalism of the barricade and fencing).
- June 22, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) immediately adjacent (north) of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded) for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 18, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.9 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 15, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded to the west, north and south) for observed LETE breeding behavior and chicks.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 23 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established in front of Ramp 23 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on northern and southern ends) 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 23 or 2.3 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 8, 2009)
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for LETE breeding behavior.

### **Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet; 33.3 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: **17.8** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; **12.2** miles open to pedestrians only; **1.1** miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); **2.2** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

#### **Ramp 27 - Ramp 30:** (2.1 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 27 is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

- August 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded on the southern end to ensure 200 meter buffer) for observed unfledged LETE chicks. (REMOVED: August 18, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles south of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 11th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure



outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. **(REMOVED: August 21, 2009)**

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.6 miles south of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 18th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- July 20, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) at Ramp 27 was removed which reopens shoreline access for 1.0 mile north and 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.5 miles north of Ramp 30. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 27th. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- July 18 & 16 & 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was modified (adjusted/moved to ensure 200 meter buffer) for observed unfledged AMOY chicks.
- July 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was modified (expanded) for observed unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 28, 2009: Full beach closures (RESOURCE protection area) on either side of Ramp 27 were expanded by 50 meters due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing).
- June 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on south end) 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on north end, reduced on south end) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 110 meters south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.
- May 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.
- May 28, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was reduced when a pair of AMOY lost a nest. The original protection area was retained for observed continued breeding behavior.
- May 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- May 21, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

- April 24, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established (and then modified (expanded) on April 27, 2009) approximately 0.3 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior and unfledged AMOY chicks.
- April 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 24, 2009)
- April 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 28, 2009: The existing RESOURCE protection area was expanded to the south for observed American oystercatcher (AMOY) breeding behavior.
- March 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.1 miles north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

#### **Ramp 30 - Ramp 34:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access south of Ramp 30 and for 2.4 miles north of Ramp 34 (and 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 34 to the Avon Village line.)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles south of Ramp 30. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 5th. There is ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.3 miles south of Ramp 30. This area was expanded on August 5<sup>th</sup>. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There is ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.7 miles north of Ramp 34. This area will be expanded on September 1st. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- April 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile north of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)

#### **Ramp 34 - Ramp 38:** (3.9 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 34 is open for ORV and pedestrian use (see above.) The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 38 north to the Avon Village line and south to the Haulover area.

- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 miles south of Ramp 34. This area will be expanded on August 28th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**
- June 8, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 23, 2009)
- May 27, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) immediately south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. There is currently no beach access from Ramp 34 for ORVs or pedestrians, however, the parking lot adjacent to Hwy. 12 will remain open for parking.

- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure in front of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established directly in front of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. Pedestrians will be routed around the backside of the closure for access to the beach.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.3 miles north of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 21st. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.

**Ramp 38 - Ramp 43:** (6.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38. There is pedestrian access from approximately 6.0 miles south of Ramp 38 to Ramp 43.

- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 15th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. **(REMOVED: August 24, 2009)**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.1 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 17th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will not be ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. **(REMOVED: August 21, 2009)**
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.1 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 28th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**
- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. **(REMOVED: July 29, 2009)**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on July 16. There will be a pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." **(REMOVED: August 7, 2009)**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 11th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.4 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 9th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. **(REMOVED: August 24, 2009)**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 3.0 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 17th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore will not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access

behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.

- June 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on the northern end, reduced on the southern end) 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for LETE breeding behavior.
- June 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 20, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 3, 2009)
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp 38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 18, 2009)
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp 38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.9 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary (now 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38), in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)
- April 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles south of Ramp 38), in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- April 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.9 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 2.8 miles long, beginning 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 38 to .4 of a mile north of Ramp 43, due to very narrow beaches. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 3.4 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on September 1st. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.7 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on September 2nd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a VILLAGE closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**

- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.3 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on August 28th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SWIM BEACH closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on August 8th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. **(REMOVED: August 21, 2009)**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 43. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 2nd. This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. **(REMOVED: August 21, 2009)**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on August 26th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.

**Ramp 43 - Ramp 44:** (0.4 of a mile)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 43 to Ramp 44.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles north of Ramp 44. This area will be expanded on August 16th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. **(REMOVED: August 21, 2009)**
- June 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced and adjusted to the south) for unfledged AMOY chicks. The closure adjustment opens 0.1 of a mile to ORV access south of Ramp 43 and pedestrian access (staying out of the marked closure areas) via a pedestrian corridor along the ocean shoreline between Ramp 43 and Ramp 44.
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 43 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 44 - Ramp 45:** (Cape Point: 2.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 44 is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point. The Interdunal Road and Ramp 45 are open to ORV and pedestrian access. Salt Pond Road is closed.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.5 miles east of Salt Pond Road. This area will be expanded on August 20th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore does not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 miles east of Salt Pond Road. This area will be expanded on August 18th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- July 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced) on the east side of Cape Point due to AMOY chicks considered to be fledged but not yet proficient flyers. Approximately 0.9 of a mile of shoreline was opened to pedestrians. No dogs will be allowed inside the pedestrian corridor. **(REMOVED: July 29, 2009)**
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at the southern tip of Cape Point for LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.



- June 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced to north, expanded to south) at Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Ramp 44 due to the presence of piping plover chicks at Cape Point. Ramp 44 is closed to ORV use. (REMOVED: July 8, 2009)
- May 10 & 11, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified, Ramp 44 and 0.4 of a mile of ocean shoreline south of Ramp 44 re-opened for ORV use. The closure was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed PIPL and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified (expanded) for observed PIPL breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified a second time this week for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This modification closes Ramp 44 to ORV access.
- April 27, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified; this modification of 0.1 mile affected the ocean shoreline on the southern boundary of the closure, and the eastern boundary of the prenesting closure was expanded by 30 meters for observed AMOY and PIPL breeding behavior.
- On April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the ocean shoreline in front of Ramp 45 for observed PIPL breeding behavior. Ramp 45 is closed to ORV and pedestrian access just north of the dune line. (REMOVED: July 20, 2009)
- On April 19, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 was modified (extended) 300 meters to the south for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure is now 0.4 of a mile in length and there is no ORV or pedestrian access within the resource protection area.
- On April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Cape Point that included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure from approximately 0.2 miles south/west of Cape Point to approximately 0.3 east of Ramp 45; and allowed for an access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline. The total closure distance was approximately 1.0 mile in length. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 45 - Ramp 49:** (South Beach: 3.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 45 is open. There is ORV access 1.5 miles northeast of Ramp 49 and approximately 1.5 miles southwest of Ramp 45. There is no through access between Ramp 45 to Ramp 49.

- August 8, 2009: The South Beach prenesting area was removed and there is ORV access west of Ramp 45 for 1.4 miles. A RESOURCE protection area was left in place 1.4 miles west of Ramp 45 for an unfledged LETE chick. The required 200-meter buffer was established as the South Beach prenesting closure was removed. This closure prevents through access from Ramp 45 to Ramp 49 until the chick is fledged. (REMOVED: August 17, 2009, note: A full beach sea turtle nest site protections area approximately 1.5 miles northeast of Ramp 49 prohibits through access between Ramp 49 and Ramp 45 until the nest hatches.)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.5 miles southwest of Ramp 45. This area will be expanded on August 13. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. The tern colony has been REMOVED (8/17), and there is now ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)

- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.8 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on September 2nd. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.5 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on August 16th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.6 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on July 18. This is a full beach closure. There will not be ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 10, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 of a mile northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on July 22. There will be ORV and pedestrian access available behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on August 16th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**
- July 2, 2009: The westernmost boundary of the South Beach pre-nesting area was modified (reduced) as LETE chicks hatch and move within the interior of the closure.
- May 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed GBTE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed LETE breeding behavior. In addition, 0.2 of a mile of "limited access" within the closure is now closed to all entry for LETE breeding behavior.
- April 28, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) which further reduces the limited access section along the shoreline to 0.2 of a mile.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure was established on the western boundary of the existing South Beach pre-nesting area closure for observed AMOY breeding behavior which precludes ORV corridor access or pedestrian access along the lower beach.
- March 31, 2009: The western boundary of the existing full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was expanded by 50 meters due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing).
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established from approximately 0.2 miles to 0.7 miles west of Ramp 45 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Beach that included upper beach areas that encompass the dunes and extends towards the ocean but allows for an ORV corridor along the lower beach. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 49 - Ramp 55:** (5.9 miles; includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV use for 0.4 of a mile southwest of Ramp 49 to the Frisco line. There is pedestrian, but not ORV, access from the Frisco line to 0.1 of a mile east of Ramp 55.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest) is located approximately 0.4 of a mile southwest of Ramp 49. This area was expanded on July 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 8, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.0 miles southwest of Ramp 49. This nest will be expanded on August 16<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore will not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.8 miles southwest of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on August 17<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- May 27, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for unfledged AMOY chicks. (REMOVED: July 21, 2009)
- April 29, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was established (adjusted) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 5, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 13, 2009: A 150 meter buffer was established southwest of the Sandy Bay parking lot for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.7 miles long. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.8 miles north of Ramp 55. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest will be expanded on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 12, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.4 miles north of Ramp 55. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 55. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest will be expanded on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 20, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 40 meters north of Ramp 55. This area will be expanded on August 13<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This

is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)

**Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet:** (Hatteras Inlet Spit: 2.7 miles)

Current Status: ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south/west to Hatteras Inlet. Access to the inlet for ORVs and pedestrians, including the “Rip,” is open. ORV access at the inlet may be impassable at high tide. The Pole Road is open to ORV and pedestrians south to the north end of the Isabel overwash area where traffic is routed onto the beach due to a pre-nesting protection area. Cable Crossing and Spur Road (south of the Isabel overwash area) are open.

- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 1.0 mile south of Ramp 55 was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 9, 2009)
- June 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.0 mile south of Ramp 55 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. The closure necessitates the closure of Hatteras Spit south of the Isabel overwash area. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- June 1, 2009: At Hatteras Inlet the original pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) at Hatteras Inlet for AMOY chicks. The closure necessitates the closure of the Spur Road. ORV and pedestrian access is open for 0.8 of a mile along the sound shoreline from Cable Crossing Road to just south of the terminus of the Spur Road. ORV access is tide dependent. (REMOVED: June 23, 2009)
- March 30, 2009: Due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing), the eastern boundary of the Hatteras Inlet pre-nesting area was expanded for a total of 0.1 mile (50 meters east of the easternmost vandalized sign). (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Hatteras Inlet Spit that included the ocean beach from approximately 0.1 mile south of the southern exit of Pole Road south/west to the inlet, then along the inlet shoreline to the sound shoreline 110 meters south of the Spur Road. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the soundside at the Isabel overwash area that included portions of the Pole Road adjacent to the overwash fans. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area. Ocean shoreline access is open past this area.

**Ocracoke Island District (18.4 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: **8.2** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; **8.2** miles open to pedestrians only; **0.0** miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); **2.0** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

**Hatteras Inlet (North Ocracoke Spit) to Ramp 59:** (1.4 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.3 of a mile north of Ramp 59.

- July 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.3 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established and modified (expanded) on May 13, 2009, approximately 0.4 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.

- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at North Ocracoke Spit that included interior areas and the inlet shoreline and portions of the ocean shoreline. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 59 - Ramp 67:** (7.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV access for 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 and 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian, but not ORV access, from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.5 miles south of Ramp 59. This nest is within the expected "hatch window and the buffer will be expanded on July 26th. This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.5 miles south of Ramp 59. This area will be expanded on August 28th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 5.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 15th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 22, 2009)
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 4.8 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 27th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 4.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 15th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 22, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.9 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 14th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 22, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.1 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 22nd. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 miles north of Ramp 67. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 25th. This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest



closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on July 18. This is a full beach closure. There will not be ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” (REMOVED: August 5, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area was expanded on July 13. This area is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” (REMOVED: August 5, 2009)
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.5 mile north of Ramp 59 for LETE chicks.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.6 miles southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)
- April 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 3 miles southwest of Ramp 59, in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED May 4, 2009)
- April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 5.2 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

**Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (includes Ramp 68):** (3.9 miles; includes Ramp 68)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV for 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 67 and 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 70. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian access from Ramp 67 and Ramp 70.

- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.3 miles north of Ramp 68. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is within an annual SAFETY closure, and therefore will not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**
- May 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 2, 2009)
- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded & reduced), expanded by 0.1 of a mile on the northeast end of the existing closure and reduced by 0.3 of a mile on the southwestern end, located 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 15, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.7 miles north of Ramp 70. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This area will be expanded on August 1st. This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.

- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.7 miles north of Ramp 70. This area will be expanded on August 27th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**
- April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (extended) approximately 1.3 miles north of Ramp 70 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.2 miles north of Ramp 70. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 28th. This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. **(REMOVED: August 21, 2009)**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 miles north of Ramp 70. This area was expanded on August 19th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 70. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 3rd. This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.

#### **Ramp 70 - Ramp 72:** (1.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 70. This area will be expanded on July 18. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." **REMOVED: August 20, 2009)**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles north of Ramp 72. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 24th. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 miles north of Ramp 72. This area will be expanded on August 22nd. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.

#### **Ramp 72 to South Point:** (3.5 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access on the ocean shoreline for **1.9** of a mile south of Ramp 72.

- August 9, 2009: The South Point prenesting area has been removed and there is ORV access for approximately 1.9 miles south of Ramp 72 to the inlet. The wintering protection area has been installed, based on last year's monitoring of the area. It includes a 30-meter wide ORV corridor to the north side of the wintering protection area for access to the soundside. There is ORV access to the inlet for approximately 0.8 of a mile. From that point, pedestrian access is allowed to the soundside.
- July 3, 2009: The South Point closure south of Ramp 72 was modified (reduced) which opens 0.5 of a mile of ocean shoreline for ORV access and a pedestrian only corridor extends south for another 0.4 of a mile. (See June 12 entry below for further.)
- June 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at South Point for unfledged AMOY chicks. Approximately 0.7 of a mile of "limited access" shoreline at the inlet is closed to public entry. "No landing" signs have been posted. (This expansion was **REMOVED: July 10, 2009/PIPL chicks fledged; opens approx. 0.7 of a mile of "limited access" shoreline on Ocracoke Inlet.**)

- June 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.1 miles south of Ramp 72 for unfledged LETE chicks. This modification closes almost all of the “limited access” area on the east side of South Point.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.6 miles south of Ramp 72. This area will be expanded on August 20th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for unfledged Piping Plover chicks. (This expansion was REMOVED and then modified on: July 10 & July 13, 2009/PIPL chicks fledged and LETE nests/chicks; opens ORV and pedestrian access 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 72)
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.3 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for observed BLSK and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 10, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile south of Ramp 72 for observed least tern breeding behavior.
- March 24, 2009: The pre-nesting area was expanded by 50 meters at two locations at the inlet due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing). One of the expansions precludes ORV access to the inlet shoreline. Pedestrian access is permitted below the tide line to portions of the inlet shoreline outside of the established pre-nesting area.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Point Ocracoke that included the sound shoreline, portions of the inlet shoreline, and interior portions of the spit; and allowed an access corridor along the ocean shoreline to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including piping plovers, American oystercatchers, colonial waterbirds (3 species of terns and black skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians, and pets.

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## National Park Service Beach Access Report for September 10, 2009

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Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches will be managed again this summer under the terms of the U.S. District Court approved consent decree. Park visitors can expect to see resource closures for breeding shorebirds in effect to varying degrees from mid-March to mid-to-late-August and turtle nesting closures may occur until early November. Shorebird pre-nesting closures have already been established at the inlets, Cape Point, and South Beach. As soon as subsequent breeding activity is observed, the consent decree requires that automatic, non-discretionary buffers be implemented.

The Beach Access Report is issued every Thursday throughout the breeding season, **and updated news will be reported weekly in bold, BLUE print.** **\*\*All distances are approximate.\*\*** The weekly Beach Access Report is complemented by a Google Earth map, which is updated up to 5 times per week as access conditions change. The latest Google Earth beach access map can be viewed at:  
<http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/googleearthmap.htm>

Note: Closure conditions may change in the field on short notice. **On-site signage, rather than the Beach Access Report or Google Earth map, is the most accurate and current indication of what is open or closed to the public.** Closed areas are clearly marked in the field with “symbolic fencing” consisting of wooden or carsonite posts, closure signs, string, and flagging tape. Knowledge of tidal changes and caution should be exercised while traveling the beaches of the park. Pets are prohibited in resource protection areas. Elsewhere, pets must be physically restrained at all time on a lease not exceeding 6 feet in length.

AMOY = American Oystercatcher, PIPL = Piping Plover, LETE = Least Terns, BLSK = Black Skimmers, COTE = Common Tern, GUTE = Gull-billed Terns, WIPL = Wilson’s Plover

The National Park Service is committed to providing accurate and current information on the beach access and temporary resource closure issue for the visiting public and our community neighbors. We continue to receive questions about issues related to beach access and have developed a “Frequently Asked Questions” information sheet that is now posted on the Seashore’s website at: <http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/off-road-vehicle-use.htm>

Beach access mileage summaries are included for each district. The mileage is determined on a weekly basis using GIS data.

As a reminder, the seasonal ORV closures of designated beaches went into effect on May 15, 2009. For more information, please contact: [cyndy\\_holda@nps.gov](mailto:cyndy_holda@nps.gov) or call 252-473-2111, ext. 148.

### **Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27; 15.7 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: **9.2** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; 6.4 miles open to pedestrians only; **0.0** miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); **0.1** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

**Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)** (1.2 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access, but not for ORV access.

- An ORV SAFETY closure is 1.2 miles long.

**Ramp 2 - Ramp 4** (2.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 2 is closed. The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from approximately 0.1 south of Ramp 2 to Ramp 4.

**Ramp 4 – Oregon Inlet** (Bodie Island Spit: 2.1 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV access for 1.3 of a mile south of Ramp 4 and an additional 0.1 of a mile of shoreline is open to pedestrian access.

- August 6, 2009: The Bodie Island Spit prenesting area has been removed and there is ORV access for approximately 1.3 miles from Ramp 4 to the inlet. The wintering protection area has been installed, based on last year's monitoring of the area. It includes an ORV access corridor to the north side of the Bait Pond to within 30 meters of the Bait Pond. From that point, pedestrian access is allowed. On the southwestern most tip of the Spit, about 100 meters on the western shoreline of the Spit near the bridge is marked for pedestrian access only via boat landings.
- July 29, 2009: The RESOURCE protection area was restored to the prenesting closure configuration, with its associated access corridor. Portions of the corridor at the southeast side of the spit have been lost to erosion, which currently limits access past that point to the inlet. The inlet shoreline south/west of the eroded area is open to boat landing (i.e., pedestrian access by boat.)
- July 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced) 0.5 of a mile south of Ramp 4 due to an AMOY chick considered to be fledged but not yet proficient in flying. Approximately 0.1 of a mile of shoreline was opened to pedestrians. No dogs will be allowed inside the pedestrian corridor. (REMOVED: July 29, 2009)
- June 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 17, 2009; opens 0.3 of a mile of shoreline to "limited access.")
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior. This closure, 0.8 of a mile in length, affects the "limited access" area for pedestrians south of Ramp 4 on the ocean shoreline.
- May 4, 2009: The Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) closure was modified (reduced) and the original prenesting shoreline was re-established when an AMOY pair nested elsewhere.
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.7 miles south of Ramp 4 (southern tip of Bodie Island Spit) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. Although, this does not currently affect ORV access, the closure does affect a portion of limited beach access for pedestrians.



- April 25, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the south shore of the Bait Pond for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- On April 10, 2009: The North Shore/Bait Pond closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 27, 2009)
- April 2, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the north shore of the Bait Pond, under the Bonner Bridge and east to the tidal creek, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure precludes ORV access along the ocean shoreline 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4.
- April 2, 2009: Due to continuing erosion of the ocean shoreline, the existing RESOURCE protection area has been extended approximately 0.2 miles south, which precludes pedestrian access in the inter-tidal zone past the closure.
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.3 miles south of Ramp 4 along the ocean shoreline, as a result of observed piping plover breeding behavior.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established that included interior areas of the spit and the "pond" shoreline and allowed an ORV access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline to a point 1.4 miles south of Ramp 4 and pedestrian access to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access in the RESOURCE protection area.

**Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo:** (Pea Island NWR boundary to Ramp 23 - 3.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access.

**Rodanthe – Ramp 23**

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 miles south of Rodanthe Pier. This area will be expanded on August 19<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 26, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.2 miles south of Rodanthe Pier. This area will be expanded on August 15<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. On July 26, 2009, a RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) located approximately 1.2 miles south of Rodanthe Pier, in a section of beach open to pedestrian access only, was deliberately vandalized. All closure signs and fencing at the site were removed and taken from the area, leaving the nest unmarked. The nest did not appear to be damaged. As a result of the violation, the buffer was expanded 50 meters and signed accordingly. (REMOVED: August 25, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.3 miles south of Rodanthe Pier. This area will be expanded on August 6<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.0 miles north of Ramp 23. This area will be expanded on August 7<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 miles north of Ramp 23. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This area will be expanded on August 4<sup>th</sup>. This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 20, 2009)

**Ramp 23 - Ramp 27:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 23 is closed to ORV and pedestrian access.

- On August 17 and 18, 2009, the RESOURCE protection area located at Ramp 23 was deliberately vandalized. This was the second and third deliberate violation to occur at this site. As a result of the violations, the buffer was expanded 100 meters for the second deliberate violation and 500 meters for the third deliberate violation and the area was signed accordingly.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.1 miles south of Ramp 23. This area will be expanded on August 11th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection areas (least tern colonies) and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.4 miles south of Ramp 23. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This area will be expanded on July 30th. This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection areas (least tern colonies) and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.0 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 7th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is now a full beach closure. There is no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.9 miles north of Ramp 27. This nest is within the expected “hatch window” and the buffer will be expanded on July 26th. This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection areas (least tern colonies) and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.1 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 23rd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection area (expanded sea turtle nest sites), and therefore does not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the other sea turtle nests are removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- July 20, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 was modified (moved north) for unfledged LETE chicks. (REMOVED: August 18, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.8 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 23rd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- July 15, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded) on the southern boundary for observed unfledged LETE chicks.

- July 4, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary for observed unfledged LETE chicks.
- July 3, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.9 of a mile north of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded) for observed unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 29, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was expanded by 50 meters due to deliberate violations (vandalism of the barricade and fencing).
- June 22, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) immediately adjacent (north) of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded) for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 18, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.9 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 15, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded to the west, north and south) for observed LETE breeding behavior and chicks.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 23 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established in front of Ramp 23 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on northern and southern ends) 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 23 or 2.3 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 8, 2009)
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for LETE breeding behavior.

### **Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet; 33.4 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: **19.8** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; **12.4** miles open to pedestrians only; **0.0** miles of "limited access" (open to pedestrians between closures); **1.2** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

#### **Ramp 27 - Ramp 30:** (2.1 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 27 is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.4 miles north of Ramp 30. This area will be expanded on September 3rd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- August 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded on the southern end to ensure 200 meter buffer) for observed unfledged LETE chicks. (REMOVED: August 18, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles south of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 11th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This

is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.6 miles south of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 18th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 28, 2009)
- July 20, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) at Ramp 27 was removed which reopens shoreline access for 1.0 mile north and 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.5 miles north of Ramp 30. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 27th. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 29, 2009)
- July 18 & 16 & 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was modified (adjusted/moved to ensure 200 meter buffer) for observed unfledged AMOY chicks.
- July 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was modified (expanded) for observed unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 28, 2009: Full beach closures (RESOURCE protection area) on either side of Ramp 27 were expanded by 50 meters due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing).
- June 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on south end) 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on north end, reduced on south end) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 110 meters south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.
- May 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.
- May 28, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was reduced when a pair of AMOY lost a nest. The original protection area was retained for observed continued breeding behavior.
- May 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- May 21, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 24, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established (and then modified (expanded) on April 27, 2009) approximately 0.3 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior and unfledged AMOY chicks.
- April 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 24, 2009)
- April 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 28, 2009: The existing RESOURCE protection area was expanded to the south for observed American oystercatcher (AMOY) breeding behavior.
- March 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.1 miles north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 30 - Ramp 34:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access south of Ramp 30 and for 2.4 miles north of Ramp 34 (and 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 34 to the Avon Village line.)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles south of Ramp 30. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 5th. There is ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.3 miles south of Ramp 30. This area was expanded on August 5<sup>th</sup>. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There is ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.7 miles north of Ramp 34. This area will be expanded on September 1st. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 30, 2009)
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- April 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile north of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)

**Ramp 34 - Ramp 38:** (3.9 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 34 is open for ORV and pedestrian use (see above.) The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 38 north to the Avon Village line and south to the Haulover area.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 miles south of Ramp 34. This area will be expanded on August 28th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- June 8, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 23, 2009)
- May 27, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior.



- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) immediately south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. There is currently no beach access from Ramp 34 for ORVs or pedestrians, however, the parking lot adjacent to Hwy. 12 will remain open for parking.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure in front of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established directly in front of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. Pedestrians will be routed around the backside of the closure for access to the beach.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.3 miles north of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 21st. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.

**Ramp 38 - Ramp 43:** (6.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38. There is pedestrian access from approximately 6.0 miles south of Ramp 38 to Ramp 43.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 3.2 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on September 3rd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 mile of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on September 3rd. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SWIM BEACH closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 15th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 24, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.1 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 17th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will not be ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.1 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 28th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 29, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on July 16. There will be a pedestrian access behind

(west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 7, 2009)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 11th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 29, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.4 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 9th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 24, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 3.0 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 17th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore will not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- June 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on the northern end, reduced on the southern end) 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for LETE breeding behavior.
- June 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 20, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 3, 2009)
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp 38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 18, 2009)
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp 38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.9 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary (now 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38), in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)
- April 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- April 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.9 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 2.8 miles long, beginning 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 38 to .4 of a mile north of Ramp 43, due to very narrow beaches. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 3.4 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on September 1st. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.7 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on September 2nd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a VILLAGE closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.3 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on August 28th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SWIM BEACH closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on August 8th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 43. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 2nd. This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on August 26th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.

**Ramp 43 - Ramp 44:** (0.4 of a mile)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 43 to Ramp 44.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles north of Ramp 44. This area will be expanded on August 16th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- June 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced and adjusted to the south) for unfledged AMOY chicks. The closure adjustment opens 0.1 of a mile to ORV access south of Ramp 43 and pedestrian access (staying out of the marked closure areas) via a pedestrian corridor along the ocean shoreline between Ramp 43 and Ramp 44.
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 43 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 44 - Ramp 45:** (Cape Point: 2.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 44 is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point. The Interdunal Road and Ramp 45 are open to ORV and pedestrian access. Salt Pond Road is closed.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.5 miles east of Salt Pond Road. This area will be expanded on August 20th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore does not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 miles east of Salt Pond Road. This area will be expanded on August 18th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window."

This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)

- July 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced) on the east side of Cape Point due to AMOY chicks considered to be fledged but not yet proficient flyers. Approximately 0.9 of a mile of shoreline was opened to pedestrians. No dogs will be allowed inside the pedestrian corridor. (REMOVED: July 29, 2009)
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at the southern tip of Cape Point for LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced to north, expanded to south) at Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Ramp 44 due to the presence of piping plover chicks at Cape Point. Ramp 44 is closed to ORV use. (REMOVED: July 8, 2009)
- May 10 & 11, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified, Ramp 44 and 0.4 of a mile of ocean shoreline south of Ramp 44 re-opened for ORV use. The closure was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed PIPL and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified (expanded) for observed PIPL breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified a second time this week for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This modification closes Ramp 44 to ORV access.
- April 27, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified; this modification of 0.1 mile affected the ocean shoreline on the southern boundary of the closure, and the eastern boundary of the prenesting closure was expanded by 30 meters for observed AMOY and PIPL breeding behavior.
- On April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the ocean shoreline in front of Ramp 45 for observed PIPL breeding behavior. Ramp 45 is closed to ORV and pedestrian access just north of the dune line. (REMOVED: July 20, 2009)
- On April 19, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 was modified (extended) 300 meters to the south for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure is now 0.4 of a mile in length and there is no ORV or pedestrian access within the resource protection area.
- On April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Cape Point that included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure from approximately 0.2 miles south/west of Cape Point to approximately 0.3 east of Ramp 45; and allowed for an access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline. The total closure distance was approximately 1.0 mile in length. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 45 - Ramp 49:** (South Beach: 3.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 45 is open. There is ORV access 1.5 miles northeast of Ramp 49 and approximately 1.5 miles southwest of Ramp 45. There is no through access between Ramp 45 to Ramp 49.

- August 8, 2009: The South Beach prenesting area was removed and there is ORV access west of Ramp 45 for 1.4 miles. A RESOURCE protection area was left in place 1.4 miles west of Ramp 45 for an unfledged LETE chick. The required 200-meter buffer was established as the South Beach prenesting closure was removed. This closure prevents through access from Ramp 45 to Ramp 49 until the chick is fledged. (REMOVED: August 17, 2009, note: A full beach sea turtle nest site protections area



approximately 1.5 miles northeast of Ramp 49 prohibits through access between Ramp 49 and Ramp 45 until the nest hatches.)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.5 miles southwest of Ramp 45. This area will be expanded on August 13. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. The tern colony has been REMOVED (8/17), and there is now ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009) (REMOVED: August 30, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.8 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on September 2nd. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.5 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on August 16th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.6 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on July 18. This is a full beach closure. There will not be ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 10, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 of a mile northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on July 22. There will be ORV and pedestrian access available behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- July 2, 2009: The westernmost boundary of the South Beach pre-nesting area was modified (reduced) as LETE chicks hatch and move within the interior of the closure.
- May 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed GBTE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed LETE breeding behavior. In addition, 0.2 of a mile of "limited access" within the closure is now closed to all entry for LETE breeding behavior.
- April 28, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) which further reduces the limited access section along the shoreline to 0.2 of a mile.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure was established on the western boundary of the existing South Beach pre-nesting area closure for observed AMOY breeding behavior which precludes ORV corridor access or pedestrian access along the lower beach.
- March 31, 2009: The western boundary of the existing full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was expanded by 50 meters due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing).



- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established from approximately 0.2 miles to 0.7 miles west of Ramp 45 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Beach that included upper beach areas that encompass the dunes and extends towards the ocean but allows for an ORV corridor along the lower beach. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 49 - Ramp 55:** (5.9 miles; includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV use for 0.4 of a mile southwest of Ramp 49 to the Frisco line. There is pedestrian, but not ORV, access from the Frisco line to 0.1 of a mile east of Ramp 55.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest) is located approximately 0.4 of a mile southwest of Ramp 49. This area was expanded on July 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 8, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.0 miles southwest of Ramp 49. This nest will be expanded on August 16<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore will not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.8 miles southwest of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on August 17<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- May 27, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for unfledged AMOY chicks. (REMOVED: July 21, 2009)
- April 29, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was established (adjusted) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 5, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 13, 2009: A 150 meter buffer was established southwest of the Sandy Bay parking lot for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.7 miles long. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.8 miles north of Ramp 55. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest will be expanded on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 12, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.4 miles north of Ramp 55. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 55. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This nest will be expanded on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 20, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 40 meters north of Ramp 55. This area will be expanded on August 13th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)

**Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet:** (Hatteras Inlet Spit: 2.7 miles)

Current Status: ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south/west to Hatteras Inlet. Access to the inlet for ORVs and pedestrians, including the “Rip,” is open. ORV access at the inlet may be impassable at high tide. The Pole Road is open to ORV and pedestrians south to the north end of the Isabel overwash area where traffic is routed onto the beach due to a pre-nesting protection area. Cable Crossing and Spur Road (south of the Isabel overwash area) are open.

- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 1.0 mile south of Ramp 55 was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 9, 2009)
- June 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.0 mile south of Ramp 55 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. The closure necessitates the closure of Hatteras Spit south of the Isabel overwash area. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- June 1, 2009: At Hatteras Inlet the original pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) at Hatteras Inlet for AMOY chicks. The closure necessitates the closure of the Spur Road. ORV and pedestrian access is open for 0.8 of a mile along the sound shoreline from Cable Crossing Road to just south of the terminus of the Spur Road. ORV access is tide dependent. (REMOVED: June 23, 2009)
- March 30, 2009: Due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing), the eastern boundary of the Hatteras Inlet pre-nesting area was expanded for a total of 0.1 mile (50 meters east of the easternmost vandalized sign). (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Hatteras Inlet Spit that included the ocean beach from approximately 0.1 mile south of the southern exit of Pole Road south/west to the inlet, then along the inlet shoreline to the sound shoreline 110 meters south of the Spur Road. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the soundside at the Isabel overwash area that included portions of the Pole Road adjacent to the overwash fans. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area. Ocean shoreline access is open past this area.

**Ocracoke Island District (18.4 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: **9.8** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; **7.6** miles open to pedestrians only; **0.7** miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); **1.0** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

**Hatteras Inlet (North Ocracoke Spit) to Ramp 59:** (1.4 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.3 of a mile north of Ramp 59.

- July 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.3 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed LETE breeding behavior.

- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established and modified (expanded) on May 13, 2009, approximately 0.4 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at North Ocracoke Spit that included interior areas and the inlet shoreline and portions of the ocean shoreline. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 59 - Ramp 67:** (7.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV access for 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 and 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian, but not ORV access, from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.5 miles south of Ramp 59. This nest is within the expected "hatch window and the buffer will be expanded on July 26th. This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.5 miles south of Ramp 59. This area will be expanded on August 28th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 5.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 15th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 22, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 4.8 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 27th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 4.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 15th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 22, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.9 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 14th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 22, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.1 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 22nd. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There

will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.  
(REMOVED: August 27, 2009)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 miles north of Ramp 67. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 25th. This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on July 18. This is a full beach closure. There will not be ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 5, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area was expanded on July 13. This area is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 5, 2009)
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.5 mile north of Ramp 59 for LETE chicks.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.6 miles southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)
- April 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 3 miles southwest of Ramp 59, in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED May 4, 2009)
- April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 5.2 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

**Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (includes Ramp 68):** (3.9 miles; includes Ramp 68)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV for 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 67 and 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 70. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian access from Ramp 67 and Ramp 70.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 miles south of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on September 5th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.3 miles north of Ramp 68. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is within an annual SAFETY closure, and therefore will not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.

- May 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 2, 2009)
- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded & reduced), expanded by 0.1 of a mile on the northeast end of the existing closure and reduced by 0.3 of a mile on the southwestern end, located 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 15, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.7 miles north of Ramp 70. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This area will be expanded on August 1st. This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 23, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.7 miles north of Ramp 70. This area will be expanded on August 27th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (extended) approximately 1.3 miles north of Ramp 70 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.2 miles north of Ramp 70. This nest is within the expected “hatch window” and the buffer will be expanded on July 28th. This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 miles north of Ramp 70. This area was expanded on August 19th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: September 1, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 70. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This area will be expanded on August 3rd. This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: September 1, 2009)

#### **Ramp 70 - Ramp 72:** (1.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 70. This area will be expanded on July 18. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. The nest is within the expected “hatch window.” (REMOVED: August 20, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 miles north of Ramp 72. This area will be expanded on August 22nd. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles north of Ramp 72. This nest is within the expected “hatch window” and the buffer will be expanded on July 24th.



There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.  
(REMOVED: August 27, 2009)

**Ramp 72 to South Point:** (3.5 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access on the ocean shoreline for 1.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72.

- August 9, 2009: The South Point prenesting area has been removed and there is ORV access for approximately 1.9 miles south of Ramp 72 to the inlet. The wintering protection area has been installed, based on last year's monitoring of the area. It includes a 30-meter wide ORV corridor to the north side of the wintering protection area for access to the soundside. There is ORV access to the inlet for approximately 0.8 of a mile. From that point, pedestrian access is allowed to the soundside.
- July 3, 2009: The South Point closure south of Ramp 72 was modified (reduced) which opens 0.5 of a mile of ocean shoreline for ORV access and a pedestrian only corridor extends south for another 0.4 of a mile. (See June 12 entry below for further.)
- June 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at South Point for unfledged AMOY chicks. Approximately 0.7 of a mile of "limited access" shoreline at the inlet is closed to public entry. "No landing" signs have been posted. (This expansion was REMOVED: July 10, 2009/PIPL chicks fledged; opens approx. 0.7 of a mile of "limited access" shoreline on Ocracoke Inlet.)
- June 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.1 miles south of Ramp 72 for unfledged LETE chicks. This modification closes almost all of the "limited access" area on the east side of South Point.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.6 miles south of Ramp 72. This area will be expanded on August 20th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.  
(REMOVED: September 1, 2009)
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for unfledged Piping Plover chicks. (This expansion was REMOVED and then modified on: July 10 & July 13, 2009/PIPL chicks fledged and LETE nests/chicks; opens ORV and pedestrian access 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 72)
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.3 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for observed BLSK and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 10, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile south of Ramp 72 for observed least tern breeding behavior.
- March 24, 2009: The pre-nesting area was expanded by 50 meters at two locations at the inlet due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing). One of the expansions precludes ORV access to the inlet shoreline. Pedestrian access is permitted below the tide line to portions of the inlet shoreline outside of the established pre-nesting area.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Point Ocracoke that included the sound shoreline, portions of the inlet shoreline, and interior portions of the spit; and allowed an access corridor along the ocean shoreline to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including piping plovers, American oystercatchers, colonial waterbirds (3 species of terns and black skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians, and pets.

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## National Park Service Beach Access Report for September 10, 2009

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Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches will be managed again this summer under the terms of the U.S. District Court approved consent decree. Park visitors can expect to see resource closures for breeding shorebirds in effect to varying degrees from mid-March to mid-to-late-August and turtle nesting closures may occur until early November. Shorebird pre-nesting closures have already been established at the inlets, Cape Point, and South Beach. As soon as subsequent breeding activity is observed, the consent decree requires that automatic, non-discretionary buffers be implemented.

The Beach Access Report is issued every Thursday throughout the breeding season, **and updated news will be reported weekly in bold, BLUE print.** **\*\*All distances are approximate.\*\*** The weekly Beach Access Report is complemented by a Google Earth map, which is updated up to 5 times per week as access conditions change. The latest Google Earth beach access map can be viewed at:  
<http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/googleearthmap.htm>

Note: Closure conditions may change in the field on short notice. **On-site signage, rather than the Beach Access Report or Google Earth map, is the most accurate and current indication of what is open or closed to the public.** Closed areas are clearly marked in the field with “symbolic fencing” consisting of wooden or carsonite posts, closure signs, string, and flagging tape. Knowledge of tidal changes and caution should be exercised while traveling the beaches of the park. Pets are prohibited in resource protection areas. Elsewhere, pets must be physically restrained at all time on a lease not exceeding 6 feet in length.

AMOY = American Oystercatcher, PIPL = Piping Plover, LETE = Least Terns, BLSK = Black Skimmers, COTE = Common Tern, GUTE = Gull-billed Terns, WIPL = Wilson’s Plover

The National Park Service is committed to providing accurate and current information on the beach access and temporary resource closure issue for the visiting public and our community neighbors. We continue to receive questions about issues related to beach access and have developed a “Frequently Asked Questions” information sheet that is now posted on the Seashore’s website at: <http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/off-road-vehicle-use.htm>

Beach access mileage summaries are included for each district. The mileage is determined on a weekly basis using GIS data.

As a reminder, the seasonal ORV closures of designated beaches went into effect on May 15, 2009. For more information, please contact: [cyndy\\_holda@nps.gov](mailto:cyndy_holda@nps.gov) or call 252-473-2111, ext. 148.

### **Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27; 15.7 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: 9.2 miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; 6.4 miles open to pedestrians only; 0.0 miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); 0.1 miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

**Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)** (1.2 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access, but not for ORV access.

- An ORV SAFETY closure is 1.2 miles long.

**Ramp 2 - Ramp 4** (2.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 2 is closed. The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from approximately 0.1 south of Ramp 2 to Ramp 4.

**Ramp 4 – Oregon Inlet** (Bodie Island Spit: 2.1 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV access for 1.3 of a mile south of Ramp 4 and an additional 0.1 of a mile of shoreline is open to pedestrian access.

- August 6, 2009: The Bodie Island Spit prenesting area has been removed and there is ORV access for approximately 1.3 miles from Ramp 4 to the inlet. The wintering protection area has been installed, based on last year's monitoring of the area. It includes an ORV access corridor to the north side of the Bait Pond to within 30 meters of the Bait Pond. From that point, pedestrian access is allowed. On the southwestern most tip of the Spit, about 100 meters on the western shoreline of the Spit near the bridge is marked for pedestrian access only via boat landings.
- July 29, 2009: The RESOURCE protection area was restored to the prenesting closure configuration, with its associated access corridor. Portions of the corridor at the southeast side of the spit have been lost to erosion, which currently limits access past that point to the inlet. The inlet shoreline south/west of the eroded area is open to boat landing (i.e., pedestrian access by boat.)
- July 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced) 0.5 of a mile south of Ramp 4 due to an AMOY chick considered to be fledged but not yet proficient in flying. Approximately 0.1 of a mile of shoreline was opened to pedestrians. No dogs will be allowed inside the pedestrian corridor. (REMOVED: July 29, 2009)
- June 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 17, 2009; opens 0.3 of a mile of shoreline to "limited access.")
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior. This closure, 0.8 of a mile in length, affects the "limited access" area for pedestrians south of Ramp 4 on the ocean shoreline.
- May 4, 2009: The Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) closure was modified (reduced) and the original prenesting shoreline was re-established when an AMOY pair nested elsewhere.
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.7 miles south of Ramp 4 (southern tip of Bodie Island Spit) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. Although, this does not currently affect ORV access, the closure does affect a portion of limited beach access for pedestrians.

- April 25, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the south shore of the Bait Pond for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- On April 10, 2009: The North Shore/Bait Pond closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 27, 2009)
- April 2, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the north shore of the Bait Pond, under the Bonner Bridge and east to the tidal creek, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure precludes ORV access along the ocean shoreline 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4.
- April 2, 2009: Due to continuing erosion of the ocean shoreline, the existing RESOURCE protection area has been extended approximately 0.2 miles south, which precludes pedestrian access in the inter-tidal zone past the closure.
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.3 miles south of Ramp 4 along the ocean shoreline, as a result of observed piping plover breeding behavior.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established that included interior areas of the spit and the "pond" shoreline and allowed an ORV access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline to a point 1.4 miles south of Ramp 4 and pedestrian access to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access in the RESOURCE protection area.

**Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo:** (Pea Island NWR boundary to Ramp 23 - 3.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access.

**Rodanthe – Ramp 23**

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 miles south of Rodanthe Pier. This area will be expanded on August 19<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 26, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.2 miles south of Rodanthe Pier. This area will be expanded on August 15<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. On July 26, 2009, a RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) located approximately 1.2 miles south of Rodanthe Pier, in a section of beach open to pedestrian access only, was deliberately vandalized. All closure signs and fencing at the site were removed and taken from the area, leaving the nest unmarked. The nest did not appear to be damaged. As a result of the violation, the buffer was expanded 50 meters and signed accordingly. (REMOVED: August 25, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.3 miles south of Rodanthe Pier. This area will be expanded on August 6<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.0 miles north of Ramp 23. This area will be expanded on August 7<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)



- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 miles north of Ramp 23. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This area will be expanded on August 4<sup>th</sup>. This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 20, 2009)

**Ramp 23 - Ramp 27:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 23 is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

- On August 17 and 18, 2009, the RESOURCE protection area located at Ramp 23 was deliberately vandalized. This was the second and third deliberate violation to occur at this site. As a result of the violations, the buffer was expanded 100 meters for the second deliberate violation and 500 meters for the third deliberate violation and the area was signed accordingly.
- **A RESOURCE protection area (two adjacent sea turtle nest sites) is located approximately 0.1 mile south of Ramp 23. This area was expanded on September 10<sup>th</sup>. These nests are within their expected “hatch window.” There is no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.1 miles south of Ramp 23. This area will be expanded on August 11<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection areas (least tern colonies) and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.4 miles south of Ramp 23. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This area will be expanded on July 30<sup>th</sup>. This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection areas (least tern colonies) and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.0 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 7<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is now a full beach closure. There is no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.9 miles north of Ramp 27. This nest is within the expected “hatch window” and the buffer will be expanded on July 26<sup>th</sup>. This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection areas (least tern colonies) and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.8 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on September 12, 2009. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.1 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection area (expanded sea turtle nest sites), and therefore does not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the other sea turtle nests are removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- July 20, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 was

- modified (moved north) for unfledged LETE chicks. (REMOVED: August 18, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 23rd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: September 6, 2009)
  - July 15, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded) on the southern boundary for observed unfledged LETE chicks. (REMOVED: August 31, 2009)
  - July 4, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary for observed unfledged LETE chicks.
  - July 3, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.9 of a mile north of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded) for observed unfledged LETE chicks.
  - June 29, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was expanded by 50 meters due to deliberate violations (vandalism of the barricade and fencing).
  - June 22, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) immediately adjacent (north) of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded) for unfledged LETE chicks.
  - June 18, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.9 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for unfledged LETE chicks.
  - June 15, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded to the west, north and south) for observed LETE breeding behavior and chicks.
  - June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
  - June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 23 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
  - June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established in front of Ramp 23 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
  - June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
  - May 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
  - May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on northern and southern ends) 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 23 or 2.3 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 8, 2009)
  - May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
  - May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
  - May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for LETE breeding behavior.

### **Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet; 33.3 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: 20.7 miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; 12.4 miles open to pedestrians only; 0.0 miles of "limited access" (open to pedestrians between closures); 0.2 miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

#### **Ramp 27 - Ramp 30:** (2.1 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 27 is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.4 miles north of Ramp 30. This area will be expanded on September 3rd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- August 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded on the southern end to ensure 200 meter buffer) for observed unfledged LETE chicks. (REMOVED: August 18, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles south of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 11th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.6 miles south of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 18th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 28, 2009)
- July 20, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) at Ramp 27 was removed which reopens shoreline access for 1.0 mile north and 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.5 miles north of Ramp 30. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 27th. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 29, 2009)
- July 18 & 16 & 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was modified (adjusted/moved to ensure 200 meter buffer) for observed unfledged AMOY chicks. (REMOVED: September 2, 2009)
- July 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was modified (expanded) for observed unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 28, 2009: Full beach closures (RESOURCE protection area) on either side of Ramp 27 were expanded by 50 meters due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing).
- June 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on south end) 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on north end, reduced on south end) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 110 meters south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.
- May 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.
- May 28, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was reduced when a pair of AMOY lost a nest. The original protection area was retained for observed continued breeding behavior.
- May 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for unfledged AMOY chicks.

- May 21, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 24, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established (and then modified (expanded) on April 27, 2009) approximately 0.3 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior and unfledged AMOY chicks.
- April 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 24, 2009)
- April 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 28, 2009: The existing RESOURCE protection area was expanded to the south for observed American oystercatcher (AMOY) breeding behavior.
- March 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.1 miles north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 30 - Ramp 34:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access south of Ramp 30 and for 2.4 miles north of Ramp 34 (and 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 34 to the Avon Village line.)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles south of Ramp 30. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 5th. There is ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.3 miles south of Ramp 30. This area was expanded on August 5<sup>th</sup>. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There is ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.7 miles north of Ramp 34. This area will be expanded on September 1st. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 30, 2009)
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- April 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile north of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)

**Ramp 34 - Ramp 38:** (3.9 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 34 is open for ORV and pedestrian use (see above.) The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 38 north to the Avon Village line and south to the Haulover area.

- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 38. This area was expanded on September 9<sup>th</sup>. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 miles south of Ramp 34. This area will be expanded on August 28th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. **(REMOVED: September 8, 2009)**
- June 8, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. **(REMOVED: June 23, 2009)**
- May 27, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) immediately south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. There is currently no beach access from Ramp 34 for ORVs or pedestrians, however, the parking lot adjacent to Hwy. 12 will remain open for parking.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure in front of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established directly in front of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. Pedestrians will be routed around the backside of the closure for access to the beach.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.3 miles north of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 21st. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.

**Ramp 38 - Ramp 43:** (6.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38. There is pedestrian access from approximately 6.0 miles south of Ramp 38 to Ramp 43.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 3.2 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on September 3rd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 mile **north** of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on September 3rd. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SWIM BEACH closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 15th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. **(REMOVED: August 24, 2009)**



- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.1 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 17th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will not be ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.1 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 28th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: September 4, 2009)
- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 29, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on July 16. There will be a pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 7, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 11th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 29, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.4 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 9th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 24, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 3.0 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 17th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore will not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- June 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on the northern end, reduced on the southern end) 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for LETE breeding behavior.
- June 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 20, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 3, 2009)
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp 38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 18, 2009)

- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp 38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.9 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary (now 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38), in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)
- April 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- April 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.9 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 2.8 miles long, beginning 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 38 to .4 of a mile north of Ramp 43, due to very narrow beaches. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 3.4 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on September 1st. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.7 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on September 2nd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a VILLAGE closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.3 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on August 28th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SWIM BEACH closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on August 8th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 43. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 2nd. This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on August 26th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: September 8, 2009)

**Ramp 43 - Ramp 44:** (0.4 of a mile)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 43 to Ramp 44.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles north of Ramp 44. This area will be expanded on August 16th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the

location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)

- June 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced and adjusted to the south) for unfledged AMOY chicks. The closure adjustment opens 0.1 of a mile to ORV access south of Ramp 43 and pedestrian access (staying out of the marked closure areas) via a pedestrian corridor along the ocean shoreline between Ramp 43 and Ramp 44.
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 43 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 44 - Ramp 45:** (Cape Point: 2.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 44 is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point. The Interdunal Road and Ramp 45 are open to ORV and pedestrian access. Salt Pond Road is closed.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.5 miles east of Salt Pond Road. This area will be expanded on August 20th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore does not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 miles east of Salt Pond Road. This area will be expanded on August 18th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- July 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced) on the east side of Cape Point due to AMOY chicks considered to be fledged but not yet proficient flyers. Approximately 0.9 of a mile of shoreline was opened to pedestrians. No dogs will be allowed inside the pedestrian corridor. (REMOVED: July 29, 2009)
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at the southern tip of Cape Point for LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced to north, expanded to south) at Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Ramp 44 due to the presence of piping plover chicks at Cape Point. Ramp 44 is closed to ORV use. (REMOVED: July 8, 2009)
- May 10 & 11, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified, Ramp 44 and 0.4 of a mile of ocean shoreline south of Ramp 44 re-opened for ORV use. The closure was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed PIPL and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified (expanded) for observed PIPL breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified a second time this week for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This modification closes Ramp 44 to ORV access.
- April 27, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified; this modification of 0.1 mile affected the ocean shoreline on the southern boundary of the closure, and the eastern boundary of the prenesting closure was expanded by 30 meters for observed AMOY and PIPL breeding behavior.
- On April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the ocean shoreline in front of Ramp 45 for observed PIPL breeding behavior. Ramp 45 is closed to ORV and pedestrian access just north of the dune line. (REMOVED: July 20, 2009)

- On April 19, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 was modified (extended) 300 meters to the south for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure is now 0.4 of a mile in length and there is no ORV or pedestrian access within the resource protection area.
- On April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Cape Point that included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure from approximately 0.2 miles south/west of Cape Point to approximately 0.3 east of Ramp 45; and allowed for an access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline. The total closure distance was approximately 1.0 mile in length. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area. **(REMOVED: September 8, 2009)**

**Ramp 45 - Ramp 49:** (South Beach: 3.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 45 is open. There is ORV access 1.5 miles northeast of Ramp 49 and approximately 1.5 miles southwest of Ramp 45. There is no through access between Ramp 45 to Ramp 49.

- August 8, 2009: The South Beach prenesting area was removed and there is ORV access west of Ramp 45 for 1.4 miles. A RESOURCE protection area was left in place 1.4 miles west of Ramp 45 for an unfledged LETE chick. The required 200-meter buffer was established as the South Beach prenesting closure was removed. This closure prevents through access from Ramp 45 to Ramp 49 until the chick is fledged. **(REMOVED: August 17, 2009, note: A full beach sea turtle nest site protections area approximately 1.5 miles northeast of Ramp 49 prohibits through access between Ramp 49 and Ramp 45 until the nest hatches.)**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.5 miles southwest of Ramp 45. This area will be expanded on August 13. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. The tern colony has been REMOVED (8/17), and there is now ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. **(REMOVED: August 21, 2009) (REMOVED: August 30, 2009)**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.8 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on September 2nd. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. **(Full beach closure never installed; nest lost to inundation.)**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.5 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on August 16th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. **(REMOVED: August 27, 2009)**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.6 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on July 18. This is a full beach closure. There will not be ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." **(REMOVED: August 10, 2009)**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 of a mile northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on July 22. There will be ORV and pedestrian access available behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." **(REMOVED: August 21, 2009)**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure



because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. **(This closure was expanded by 25 meters on the east and west sides due to a deliberate violation on September 3, 2009)**

- July 2, 2009: The westernmost boundary of the South Beach pre-nesting area was modified (reduced) as LETE chicks hatch and move within the interior of the closure.
- May 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed GBTE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed LETE breeding behavior. In addition, 0.2 of a mile of "limited access" within the closure is now closed to all entry for LETE breeding behavior.
- April 28, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) which further reduces the limited access section along the shoreline to 0.2 of a mile.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure was established on the western boundary of the existing South Beach pre-nesting area closure for observed AMOY breeding behavior which precludes ORV corridor access or pedestrian access along the lower beach.
- March 31, 2009: The western boundary of the existing full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was expanded by 50 meters due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing).
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established from approximately 0.2 miles to 0.7 miles west of Ramp 45 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Beach that included upper beach areas that encompass the dunes and extends towards the ocean but allows for an ORV corridor along the lower beach. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 49 - Ramp 55:** (5.9 miles; includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV use for 0.4 of a mile southwest of Ramp 49 to the Frisco line. There is pedestrian, but not ORV, access from the Frisco line to 0.1 of a mile east of Ramp 55.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest) is located approximately 0.4 of a mile southwest of Ramp 49. This area was expanded on July 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 8, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.0 miles southwest of Ramp 49. This nest will be expanded on August 16<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore will not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.8 miles southwest of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on August 17<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- May 27, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for unfledged AMOY chicks. (REMOVED: July 21, 2009)



- April 29, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was established (adjusted) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 5, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 13, 2009: A 150 meter buffer was established southwest of the Sandy Bay parking lot for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.7 miles long. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.8 miles north of Ramp 55. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This nest will be expanded on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 12, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.4 miles north of Ramp 55. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This area will be expanded on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 55. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This nest will be expanded on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 20, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 40 meters north of Ramp 55. This area will be expanded on August 13<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)

**Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet:** (Hatteras Inlet Spit: 2.7 miles)

Current Status: ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south/west to Hatteras Inlet. Access to the inlet for ORVs and pedestrians, including the “Rip,” is open. ORV access at the inlet may be impassable at high tide. The Pole Road is open to ORV and pedestrians south to the north end of the Isabel overwash area where traffic is routed onto the beach due to a pre-nesting protection area. Cable Crossing and Spur Road (south of the Isabel overwash area) are open.

- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 1.0 mile south of Ramp 55 was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 9, 2009)
- June 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.0 mile south of Ramp 55 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. The closure necessitates the closure of Hatteras Spit south of the Isabel overwash area. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- June 1, 2009: At Hatteras Inlet the original pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) at Hatteras Inlet for AMOY chicks. The closure necessitates the closure of the Spur Road. ORV and pedestrian access is open for 0.8 of a mile along the sound shoreline from Cable Crossing Road to just south of the terminus of the Spur Road. ORV access is tide dependent. (REMOVED: June 23, 2009)

- March 30, 2009: Due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing), the eastern boundary of the Hatteras Inlet pre-nesting area was expanded for a total of 0.1 mile (50 meters east of the easternmost vandalized sign). (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Hatteras Inlet Spit that included the ocean beach from approximately 0.1 mile south of the southern exit of Pole Road south/west to the inlet, then along the inlet shoreline to the sound shoreline 110 meters south of the Spur Road. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the soundside at the Isabel overwash area that included portions of the Pole Road adjacent to the overwash fans. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area. Ocean shoreline access is open past this area.

### **Ocracoke Island District (19.0 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: **9.7** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; 7.6 miles open to pedestrians only; 0.7 miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); 1.0 miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

#### **Hatteras Inlet (North Ocracoke Spit) to Ramp 59:** (1.4 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.3 of a mile north of Ramp 59.

- July 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.3 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established and modified (expanded) on May 13, 2009, approximately 0.4 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at North Ocracoke Spit that included interior areas and the inlet shoreline and portions of the ocean shoreline. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

#### **Ramp 59 - Ramp 67:** (7.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV access for 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 and 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian, but not ORV access, from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67.

- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 59. This nest is within the expected “hatch window” and the buffer was expanded on September 5. This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest outside of the signed protection area.**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.5 miles south of Ramp 59. This nest is within the expected "hatch window and the buffer will be expanded on July 26th. This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.5 miles south of Ramp 59. This area will be expanded on August 28th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be

pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 5.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 15th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 22, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 4.5 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 27th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. **(REMOVED: September 6, 2009)**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 4.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 15th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 22, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.9 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 14th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 22, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.1 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 22nd. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 miles north of Ramp 67. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 25th. This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on July 18. This is a full beach closure. There will not be ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 5, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area was expanded on July 13. This area is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 5, 2009)
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.5 mile north of Ramp 59 for LETE chicks.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.6 miles southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)
- April 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 3 miles southwest of Ramp 59, in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED May 4, 2009)
- April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 5.2 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

**Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (includes Ramp 68):** (3.9 miles; includes Ramp 68)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV for 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 67 and 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 70. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian access from Ramp 67 and Ramp 70.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 miles south of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on September 5th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.3 miles north of Ramp 68. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is within an annual SAFETY closure, and therefore will not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- May 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 2, 2009)
- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded & reduced), expanded by 0.1 of a mile on the northeast end of the existing closure and reduced by 0.3 of a mile on the southwestern end, located 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 15, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.7 miles north of Ramp 70. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 1st. This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 23, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.5 miles north of Ramp 70. This area was expanded on August 27th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (extended) approximately 1.3 miles north of Ramp 70 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.2 miles north of Ramp 70. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 28th.

This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 miles north of Ramp 70. This area was expanded on August 19th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: September 1, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 70. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 3rd. This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: September 1, 2009)

#### **Ramp 70 - Ramp 72:** (1.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 70. This area will be expanded on July 18. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 20, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 miles north of Ramp 72. This area will be expanded on August 22nd. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles north of Ramp 72. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 24th. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)

#### **Ramp 72 to South Point:** (3.5 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access on the ocean shoreline for 1.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72.

- August 9, 2009: The South Point prenesting area has been removed and there is ORV access for approximately 1.9 miles south of Ramp 72 to the inlet. The wintering protection area has been installed, based on last year's monitoring of the area. It includes a 30-meter wide ORV corridor to the north side of the wintering protection area for access to the soundside. There is ORV access to the inlet for approximately 0.8 of a mile. From that point, pedestrian access is allowed to the soundside.
- July 3, 2009: The South Point closure south of Ramp 72 was modified (reduced) which opens 0.5 of a mile of ocean shoreline for ORV access and a pedestrian only corridor extends south for another 0.4 of a mile. (See June 12 entry below for further.)
- June 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at South Point for unfledged AMOY chicks. Approximately 0.7 of a mile of "limited access" shoreline at the inlet is closed to public entry. "No landing" signs have been posted. (This expansion was REMOVED: July 10, 2009/PIPL chicks fledged; opens approx. 0.7 of a mile of "limited access" shoreline on Ocracoke Inlet.)
- June 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.1 miles south of Ramp 72 for unfledged LETE chicks. This modification closes almost all of the "limited access" area on the east side of South Point.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.6 miles south of Ramp 72. This area will be expanded on August 20th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There



will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.  
(REMOVED: September 1, 2009)

- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for unfledged Piping Plover chicks. (This expansion was REMOVED and then modified on: July 10 & July 13, 2009/PIPL chicks fledged and LETE nests/chicks; opens ORV and pedestrian access 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 72)
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.3 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for observed BLSK and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 10, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile south of Ramp 72 for observed least tern breeding behavior.
- March 24, 2009: The pre-nesting area was expanded by 50 meters at two locations at the inlet due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing). One of the expansions precludes ORV access to the inlet shoreline. Pedestrian access is permitted below the tide line to portions of the inlet shoreline outside of the established pre-nesting area.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Point Ocracoke that included the sound shoreline, portions of the inlet shoreline, and interior portions of the spit; and allowed an access corridor along the ocean shoreline to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including piping plovers, American oystercatchers, colonial waterbirds (3 species of terns and black skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians, and pets.

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## National Park Service Beach Access Report for September 17, 2009

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**As of September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009, in areas open to ORV use, night driving is allowed with a night driving permit. There is no cost to the permit and permits are available online at <http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/nightbeachdrivingpermit.htm>, all park Visitor Centers, Whalebone Information Center, Hatteras Weather Bureau Station, and local tackle shops. Night beach driving permits will be required for off-road vehicle use (signed/dated by the driver and displayed on the dashboard of the vehicle) on all Cape Hatteras National Seashore ocean beaches between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. from September 16 to November 15. For further information, please call (252) 473-2111 ext. 148.**

Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches will be managed again this summer under the terms of the U.S. District Court approved consent decree. Park visitors can expect to see resource closures for breeding shorebirds in effect to varying degrees from mid-March to mid-to-late-August and turtle nesting closures may occur until early November. Shorebird pre-nesting closures have already been established at the inlets, Cape Point, and South Beach. As soon as subsequent breeding activity is observed, the consent decree requires that automatic, non-discretionary buffers be implemented.

The Beach Access Report is issued every Thursday throughout the breeding season, **and updated news will be reported weekly in bold, BLUE print.** **\*\*All distances are approximate.\*\*** The weekly Beach Access Report is complemented by a Google Earth map, which is updated up to 5 times per week as access conditions change. The latest Google Earth beach access map can be viewed at:  
<http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/googleearthmap.htm>

Note: Closure conditions may change in the field on short notice. **On-site signage, rather than the Beach Access Report or Google Earth map, is the most accurate and current indication of what is open or closed to the public.** Closed areas are clearly marked in the field with “symbolic fencing” consisting of wooden or carsonite posts, closure signs, string, and flagging tape. Knowledge of tidal changes and caution should be exercised while traveling the beaches of the park. Pets are prohibited in resource protection areas. Elsewhere, pets must be physically restrained at all time on a lease not exceeding 6 feet in length.

AMOY = American Oystercatcher, PIPL = Piping Plover, LETE = Least Terns, BLSK = Black Skimmers, COTE = Common Tern, GUTE = Gull-billed Terns, WIPL = Wilson’s Plover

The National Park Service is committed to providing accurate and current information on the beach access and temporary resource closure issue for the visiting public and our community neighbors. We continue to receive questions about issues related to beach access and have developed a “Frequently Asked Questions” information sheet that is now posted on the Seashore’s website at: <http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/off-road-vehicle-use.htm>

Beach access mileage summaries are included for each district. The mileage is determined on a weekly basis using GIS data.

For more information, please contact: [cyndy\\_holda@nps.gov](mailto:cyndy_holda@nps.gov) or call 252-473-2111, ext. 148.

### **Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27; 15.7 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: 9.2 miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; 6.4 miles open to pedestrians only; 0.0 miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); 0.2 miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

#### **Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)** (1.2 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access, but not for ORV access.

- An ORV SAFETY closure is 1.2 miles long.

#### **Ramp 2 - Ramp 4** (2.4 miles)

Current Status: **Ramp 2 is OPEN.** The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from approximately 0.1 south of Ramp 2 to Ramp 4.

#### **Ramp 4 – Oregon Inlet** (Bodie Island Spit: 2.1 miles)

**Current Status: The beach is open for ORV access south of Ramp 4 to Bodie Island Spit.**

- August 6, 2009: The Bodie Island Spit prenesting area has been removed and there is ORV access for approximately 1.3 miles from Ramp 4 to the inlet. The wintering protection area has been installed, based on last year’s monitoring of the area. It includes an ORV access corridor to the north side of the Bait Pond to within 30 meters of the Bait Pond. From that point, pedestrian access is allowed. On the southwestern most tip of the Spit, about 100 meters on the western shoreline of the Spit near the bridge is marked for pedestrian access only via boat landings.
- July 29, 2009: The RESOURCE protection area was restored to the prenesting closure configuration, with its associated access corridor. Portions of the corridor at the southeast side of the spit have been lost to erosion, which currently limits access past that point to the inlet. The inlet shoreline south/west of the eroded area is open to boat landing (i.e., pedestrian access by boat.)
- July 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced) 0.5 of a mile south of Ramp 4 due to an AMOY chick considered to be fledged but not yet proficient in flying. Approximately 0.1 of a mile of shoreline was opened to pedestrians. No dogs will be allowed inside the pedestrian corridor. (REMOVED: July 29, 2009)
- June 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 17, 2009; opens 0.3 of a mile of shoreline to “limited access.”)
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior. This closure, 0.8 of a mile in length, affects the “limited access” area for pedestrians south of Ramp 4 on the ocean shoreline.

- May 4, 2009: The Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) closure was modified (reduced) and the original prenesting shoreline was re-established when an AMOY pair nested elsewhere.
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.7 miles south of Ramp 4 (southern tip of Bodie Island Spit) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. Although, this does not currently affect ORV access, the closure does affect a portion of limited beach access for pedestrians.
- April 25, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the south shore of the Bait Pond for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- On April 10, 2009: The North Shore/Bait Pond closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 27, 2009)
- April 2, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the north shore of the Bait Pond, under the Bonner Bridge and east to the tidal creek, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure precludes ORV access along the ocean shoreline 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4.
- April 2, 2009: Due to continuing erosion of the ocean shoreline, the existing RESOURCE protection area has been extended approximately 0.2 miles south, which precludes pedestrian access in the intertidal zone past the closure.
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.3 miles south of Ramp 4 along the ocean shoreline, as a result of observed piping plover breeding behavior.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established that included interior areas of the spit and the "pond" shoreline and allowed an ORV access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline to a point 1.4 miles south of Ramp 4 and pedestrian access to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access in the RESOURCE protection area.

**Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo:** (Pea Island NWR boundary to Ramp 23 - 3.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access.

**Rodanthe – Ramp 23**

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 miles south of Rodanthe Pier. This area will be expanded on August 19<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 26, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.2 miles south of Rodanthe Pier. This area will be expanded on August 15<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. On July 26, 2009, a RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) located approximately 1.2 miles south of Rodanthe Pier, in a section of beach open to pedestrian access only, was deliberately vandalized. All closure signs and fencing at the site were removed and taken from the area, leaving the nest unmarked. The nest did not appear to be damaged. As a result of the violation, the buffer was expanded 50 meters and signed accordingly. (REMOVED: August 25, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.3 miles south of Rodanthe Pier. This area will be expanded on August 6<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.0 miles north of Ramp 23. This area will be expanded on August 7<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 miles north of Ramp 23. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 4<sup>th</sup>. This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 20, 2009)

**Ramp 23 - Ramp 27:** (4.3 miles)

**Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 23 through to Ramp 27.**

- On August 17 and 18, 2009, the RESOURCE protection area located at Ramp 23 was deliberately vandalized. This was the second and third deliberate violation to occur at this site. As a result of the violations, the buffer was expanded 100 meters for the second deliberate violation and 500 meters for the third deliberate violation and the area was signed accordingly.
- A RESOURCE protection area (two adjacent sea turtle nest sites) is located approximately 0.1 mile south of Ramp 23. This area was expanded on September 10<sup>th</sup>. These nests are within their expected "hatch window." There is no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.1 miles south of Ramp 23. This area will be expanded on August 11<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection areas (least tern colonies) and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.4 miles south of Ramp 23. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on July 30<sup>th</sup>. This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection areas (least tern colonies) and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.0 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 7<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is now a full beach closure. There is no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.9 miles north of Ramp 27. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 26<sup>th</sup>. This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection areas (least tern colonies) and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.8 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on September 20<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**



- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.8 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on September 11, 2009. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.1 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 23rd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection area (expanded sea turtle nest sites), and therefore does not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the other sea turtle nests are removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- July 20, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 was modified (moved north) for unfledged LETE chicks. (REMOVED: August 18, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 23rd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: September 6, 2009)
- July 15, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded) on the southern boundary for observed unfledged LETE chicks. (REMOVED: August 31, 2009)
- July 4, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary for observed unfledged LETE chicks.
- July 3, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.9 of a mile north of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded) for observed unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 29, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was expanded by 50 meters due to deliberate violations (vandalism of the barricade and fencing).
- June 22, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) immediately adjacent (north) of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded) for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 18, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.9 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 15, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded to the west, north and south) for observed LETE breeding behavior and chicks.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 23 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established in front of Ramp 23 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on northern and southern ends) 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 23 or 2.3 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 8, 2009)
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.

- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for LETE breeding behavior.

### **Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet; 33.3 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: 20.7 miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; 12.4 miles open to pedestrians only; 0.0 miles of "limited access" (open to pedestrians between closures); 0.3 miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

#### **Ramp 27 - Ramp 30:** (2.1 miles)

#### **Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 27 through to Ramp 30.**

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.4 miles north of Ramp 30. This area will be expanded on September 3rd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: Sept. 12, 2009)
- August 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded on the southern end to ensure 200 meter buffer) for observed unfledged LETE chicks. (REMOVED: August 18, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles south of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 11th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.6 miles south of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 18th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 28, 2009)
- July 20, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) at Ramp 27 was removed which reopens shoreline access for 1.0 mile north and 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.5 miles north of Ramp 30. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 27th. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 29, 2009)
- July 18 & 16 & 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was modified (adjusted/moved to ensure 200 meter buffer) for observed unfledged AMOY chicks. (REMOVED: September 2, 2009)
- July 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was modified (expanded) for observed unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 28, 2009: Full beach closures (RESOURCE protection area) on either side of Ramp 27 were expanded by 50 meters due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing).
- June 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on south end) 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.

- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on north end, reduced on south end) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 110 meters south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.
- May 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.
- May 28, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was reduced when a pair of AMOY lost a nest. The original protection area was retained for observed continued breeding behavior.
- May 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- May 21, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 24, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established (and then modified (expanded) on April 27, 2009) approximately 0.3 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior and unfledged AMOY chicks.
- April 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 24, 2009)
- April 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 28, 2009: The existing RESOURCE protection area was expanded to the south for observed American oystercatcher (AMOY) breeding behavior.
- March 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.1 miles north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 30 - Ramp 34:** (4.3 miles)

**Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access south of Ramp 30 to 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 34 to the Avon Village line.**

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles south of Ramp 30. The nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This area will be expanded on August 5th. There is ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.3 miles south of Ramp 30. This area was expanded on August 5<sup>th</sup>. The nest is within the expected “hatch window.” There is ORV

and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.7 miles north of Ramp 34. This area will be expanded on September 1st. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 30, 2009)
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- April 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile north of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)

**Ramp 34 - Ramp 38:** (3.9 miles)

**Current Status: The beach is open 2.1 miles south of Ramp 34 and 0.4 of mile north of Ramp 38. There is a safety closure in effect immediately north of Avon Pier and extends south for 1.4 miles.**

- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately .4 miles north of Ramp 38. This area was expanded on September 12th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. NOTE: This nest is located inside of what was the seasonal village closure, however there is now ORV access to the village but the nest prohibits ORV traffic until the nest hatches.**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 38. This area was expanded on September 9<sup>th</sup>. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: Sept. 13, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 miles south of Ramp 34. This area will be expanded on August 28th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: September 8, 2009)
- June 8, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 23, 2009)
- May 27, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) immediately south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. There is currently no beach access from Ramp 34 for ORVs or pedestrians, however, the parking lot adjacent to Hwy. 12 will remain open for parking.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure in front of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established directly in front of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. Pedestrians will be routed around the backside of the closure for access to the beach.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.3 miles north of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 21st. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There

will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.  
(REMOVED: Sept. 11, 2009)

**Ramp 38 - Ramp 43:** (6.0 miles)

**Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38. There is pedestrian access from approximately 6.0 miles south of Ramp 38 to Ramp 43.**

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 3.2 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on September 3rd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 mile north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on September 3rd. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SWIM BEACH closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 15th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 24, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.1 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 17th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will not be ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.1 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 28th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: September 4, 2009)
- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 29, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on July 16. There will be a pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 7, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 11th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 29, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.4 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 9th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 24, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 3.0 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 17th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is



within a SAFETY closure and therefore will not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. **(REMOVED: Sept. 16, 2009)**

- June 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on the northern end, reduced on the southern end) 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for LETE breeding behavior.
- June 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 20, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 3, 2009)
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp 38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 18, 2009)
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp 38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.9 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary (now 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38), in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)
- April 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- April 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.9 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 2.8 miles long, beginning 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 38 to .4 of a mile north of Ramp 43, due to very narrow beaches. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.8 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on September 19th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 3.4 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on September 1st. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and

dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: Sept. 13, 2009)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.9 miles north of Ramp 43. This area was expanded on September 12th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.7 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on September 2nd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a VILLAGE closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: Sept. 12, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.3 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on August 28th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SWIM BEACH closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: Sept. 13, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 mile north of Ramp 43. This area was expanded on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SWIM BEACH closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 mile north of Ramp 43. This area was expanded on September 12th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.8 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on September 21st. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SWIM BEACH closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.6 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on September 20th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SWIM BEACH closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 43. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 2nd. This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on August 26th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: September 8, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on August 8th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)

**Ramp 43 - Ramp 44:** (0.4 of a mile)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 43 to Ramp 44.

- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles south of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on September 21st. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles north of Ramp 44. This area will be expanded on August 16th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- June 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced and adjusted to the south) for unfledged AMOY chicks. The closure adjustment opens 0.1 of a mile to ORV access south of Ramp 43 and pedestrian access (staying out of the marked closure areas) via a pedestrian corridor along the ocean shoreline between Ramp 43 and Ramp 44.
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 43 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 44 - Ramp 45:** (Cape Point: 2.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 44 is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point. The Interdunal Road and Ramp 45 are open to ORV and pedestrian access. Salt Pond Road is closed.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.5 miles east of Salt Pond Road. This area will be expanded on August 20th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore does not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 miles east of Salt Pond Road. This area will be expanded on August 18th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- July 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced) on the east side of Cape Point due to AMOY chicks considered to be fledged but not yet proficient flyers. Approximately 0.9 of a mile of shoreline was opened to pedestrians. No dogs will be allowed inside the pedestrian corridor. (REMOVED: July 29, 2009)
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at the southern tip of Cape Point for LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced to north, expanded to south) at Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Ramp 44 due to the presence of piping plover chicks at Cape Point. Ramp 44 is closed to ORV use. (REMOVED: July 8, 2009)

- May 10 & 11, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified, Ramp 44 and 0.4 of a mile of ocean shoreline south of Ramp 44 re-opened for ORV use. The closure was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed PIPL and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified (expanded) for observed PIPL breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified a second time this week for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This modification closes Ramp 44 to ORV access.
- April 27, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified; this modification of 0.1 mile affected the ocean shoreline on the southern boundary of the closure, and the eastern boundary of the prenesting closure was expanded by 30 meters for observed AMOY and PIPL breeding behavior.
- On April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the ocean shoreline in front of Ramp 45 for observed PIPL breeding behavior. Ramp 45 is closed to ORV and pedestrian access just north of the dune line. (REMOVED: July 20, 2009)
- On April 19, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 was modified (extended) 300 meters to the south for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure is now 0.4 of a mile in length and there is no ORV or pedestrian access within the resource protection area.
- On April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Cape Point that included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure from approximately 0.2 miles south/west of Cape Point to approximately 0.3 east of Ramp 45; and allowed for an access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline. The total closure distance was approximately 1.0 mile in length. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area. (REMOVED: September 8, 2009)

**Ramp 45 - Ramp 49:** (South Beach: 3.4 miles)

**Current Status: Ramp 45 is open. The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian use for approximately 2.9 miles southwest of Ramp 45 and 0.2 of a mile northeast of Ramp 49. There is no through access between Ramp 45 and Ramp 49.**

- August 8, 2009: The South Beach prenesting area was removed and there is ORV access west of Ramp 45 for 1.4 miles. A RESOURCE protection area was left in place 1.4 miles west of Ramp 45 for an unfledged LETE chick. The required 200-meter buffer was established as the South Beach prenesting closure was removed. This closure prevents through access from Ramp 45 to Ramp 49 until the chick is fledged. (REMOVED: August 17, 2009, note: A full beach sea turtle nest site protections area approximately 1.5 miles northeast of Ramp 49 prohibits through access between Ramp 49 and Ramp 45 until the nest hatches.)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.5 miles southwest of Ramp 45. This area will be expanded on August 13. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. The tern colony has been REMOVED (8/17), and there is now ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009) (REMOVED: August 30, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.8 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on September 2nd. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (Full beach closure never installed; nest lost to inundation.)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.5 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on August 16th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest

closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.6 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on July 18. This is a full beach closure. There will not be ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” (REMOVED: August 10, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 of a mile northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on July 22. There will be ORV and pedestrian access available behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.3 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area was expanded on September 11th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (This closure was expanded by 25 meters on the east and west sides due to a deliberate violation on September 3, 2009)
- July 2, 2009: The westernmost boundary of the South Beach pre-nesting area was modified (reduced) as LETE chicks hatch and move within the interior of the closure.
- May 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed GBTE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed LETE breeding behavior. In addition, 0.2 of a mile of “limited access” within the closure is now closed to all entry for LETE breeding behavior.
- April 28, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) which further reduces the limited access section along the shoreline to 0.2 of a mile.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure was established on the western boundary of the existing South Beach pre-nesting area closure for observed AMOY breeding behavior which precludes ORV corridor access or pedestrian access along the lower beach.
- March 31, 2009: The western boundary of the existing full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was expanded by 50 meters due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing).
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established from approximately 0.2 miles to 0.7 miles west of Ramp 45 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Beach that included upper beach areas that encompass the dunes and extends towards the ocean but allows for an ORV corridor along the lower beach. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 49 - Ramp 55:** (5.9 miles; includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area)

**Current Status:** The beach is open to ORV use for 0.2 miles north and 0.5 miles south of Ramp 49. There is pedestrian, but not ORV, access from the Frisco village line to 0.1 of a mile east of Ramp 55.



- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest) is located approximately 0.4 of a mile southwest of Ramp 49. This area was expanded on July 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” (REMOVED: August 8, 2009)
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.5 miles southwest of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on September 17th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.0 miles southwest of Ramp 49. This nest will be expanded on August 16th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore will not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.8 miles southwest of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on August 17th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- May 27, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for unfledged AMOY chicks. (REMOVED: July 21, 2009)
- April 29, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was established (adjusted) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 5, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 13, 2009: A 150 meter buffer was established southwest of the Sandy Bay parking lot for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.7 miles long. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.8 miles north of Ramp 55. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This nest will be expanded on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 12, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.4 miles north of Ramp 55. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This area will be expanded on August 1st. This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.0 miles north of Ramp 55. This area will be expanded on September 18th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.**

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 55. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This nest will be expanded on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 20, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 40 meters north of Ramp 55. This area will be expanded on August 13th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)

**Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet:** (Hatteras Inlet Spit: 2.7 miles)

Current Status: ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south/west to Hatteras Inlet. Access to the inlet for ORVs and pedestrians, including the “Rip,” is open. ORV access at the inlet may be impassable at high tide. The Pole Road is open to ORV and pedestrians south to the north end of the Isabel overwash area where traffic is routed onto the beach due to a pre-nesting protection area. Cable Crossing and Spur Road (south of the Isabel overwash area) are open.

- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.6 miles south of Ramp 55. This area will be expanded on September 23rd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**
- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 1.0 mile south of Ramp 55 was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 9, 2009)
- June 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.0 mile south of Ramp 55 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. The closure necessitates the closure of Hatteras Spit south of the Isabel overwash area. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- June 1, 2009: At Hatteras Inlet the original pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) at Hatteras Inlet for AMOY chicks. The closure necessitates the closure of the Spur Road. ORV and pedestrian access is open for 0.8 of a mile along the sound shoreline from Cable Crossing Road to just south of the terminus of the Spur Road. ORV access is tide dependent. (REMOVED: June 23, 2009)
- March 30, 2009: Due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing), the eastern boundary of the Hatteras Inlet pre-nesting area was expanded for a total of 0.1 mile (50 meters east of the easternmost vandalized sign). (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Hatteras Inlet Spit that included the ocean beach from approximately 0.1 mile south of the southern exit of Pole Road south/west to the inlet, then along the inlet shoreline to the sound shoreline 110 meters south of the Spur Road. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the soundside at the Isabel overwash area that included portions of the Pole Road adjacent to the overwash fans. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area. Ocean shoreline access is open past this area.

**Ocracoke Island District** (18.9 miles of ocean shoreline)

Mileage Summary: **11.6** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; **6.5** miles open to pedestrians only; **0.0** miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); **0.8** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

**Hatteras Inlet (North Ocracoke Spit) to Ramp 59:** (1.4 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.3 of a mile north of Ramp 59.

- July 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.3 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established and modified (expanded) on May 13, 2009, approximately 0.4 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at North Ocracoke Spit that included interior areas and the inlet shoreline and portions of the ocean shoreline. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 59 - Ramp 67:** (7.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV access for 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 and 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian, but not ORV access, from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 59. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer was expanded on September 5. This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: Sept. 13, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.5 miles south of Ramp 59. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 26th. This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.5 miles south of Ramp 59. This area was expanded on August 28th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: Sept. 11, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 5.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 15th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 22, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 4.5 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 27th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: September 6, 2009)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 4.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 15th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 22, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.9 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 14th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 22, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on July 18. This is a full beach closure. There will not be ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 5, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area was expanded on July 13. This area is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 5, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.1 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 22nd. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 miles north of Ramp 67. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 25th. This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.7 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on September 17th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.5 mile north of Ramp 59 for LETE chicks.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.6 miles southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)
- April 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 3 miles southwest of Ramp 59, in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED May 4, 2009)

- April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 5.2 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

**Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (includes Ramp 68):** (3.9 miles; includes Ramp 68)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV for 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 67 and 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 70. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian access from Ramp 67 and Ramp 70.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 miles south of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on September 5th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. **(REMOVED: Sept. 13, 2009)**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.3 miles north of Ramp 68. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is within an annual SAFETY closure, and therefore will not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. **(REMOVED: Sept. 15, 2009)**
- May 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. **(REMOVED: July 2, 2009)**
- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded & reduced), expanded by 0.1 of a mile on the northeast end of the existing closure and reduced by 0.3 of a mile on the southwestern end, located 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 15, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.7 miles north of Ramp 70. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 1st. This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. **(REMOVED: August 23, 2009)**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.5 miles north of Ramp 70. This area was expanded on August 27th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. **(REMOVED: Sept. 10, 2009)**
- April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (extended) approximately 1.3 miles north of Ramp 70 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.2 miles north of Ramp 70. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 28th. This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. **(REMOVED: August 21, 2009)**
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 miles north of Ramp 70. This area will be expanded on September 20th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian**



**access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 miles north of Ramp 70. This area was expanded on August 19th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: September 1, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 70. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 3rd. This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: September 1, 2009)

**Ramp 70 - Ramp 72:** (1.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 70. This area will be expanded on July 18. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 20, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 miles north of Ramp 72. This area will be expanded on August 22nd. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles north of Ramp 72. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 24th. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)

**Ramp 72 to South Point:** (3.5 miles)

Current Status: **The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access on the ocean shoreline and the inlet south of Ramp 72.**

- August 9, 2009: The South Point prenesting area has been removed and there is ORV access for approximately 1.9 miles south of Ramp 72 to the inlet. The wintering protection area has been installed, based on last year's monitoring of the area. It includes a 30-meter wide ORV corridor to the north side of the wintering protection area for access to the soundside. There is ORV access to the inlet for approximately 0.8 of a mile. From that point, pedestrian access is allowed to the soundside.
- July 3, 2009: The South Point closure south of Ramp 72 was modified (reduced) which opens 0.5 of a mile of ocean shoreline for ORV access and a pedestrian only corridor extends south for another 0.4 of a mile. (See June 12 entry below for further.)
- June 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at South Point for unfledged AMOY chicks. Approximately 0.7 of a mile of "limited access" shoreline at the inlet is closed to public entry. "No landing" signs have been posted. (This expansion was REMOVED: July 10, 2009/PIPL chicks fledged; opens approx. 0.7 of a mile of "limited access" shoreline on Ocracoke Inlet.)
- June 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.1 miles south of Ramp 72 for unfledged LETE chicks. This modification closes almost all of the "limited access" area on the east side of South Point.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.6 miles south of Ramp 72. This area will be expanded on August 20th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: September 1, 2009)

- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for unfledged Piping Plover chicks. (This expansion was REMOVED and then modified on: July 10 & July 13, 2009/PIPL chicks fledged and LETE nests/chicks; opens ORV and pedestrian access 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 72)
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.3 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for observed BLSK and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 10, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile south of Ramp 72 for observed least tern breeding behavior.
- March 24, 2009: The pre-nesting area was expanded by 50 meters at two locations at the inlet due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing). One of the expansions precludes ORV access to the inlet shoreline. Pedestrian access is permitted below the tide line to portions of the inlet shoreline outside of the established pre-nesting area.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Point Ocracoke that included the sound shoreline, portions of the inlet shoreline, and interior portions of the spit; and allowed an access corridor along the ocean shoreline to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including piping plovers, American oystercatchers, colonial waterbirds (3 species of terns and black skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians, and pets.

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## National Park Service Beach Access Report for September 24, 2009

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As of September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009, in areas open to ORV use, night driving is allowed with a night driving permit. There is no cost to the permit and permits are available online at <http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/nightbeachdrivingpermit.htm>, all park Visitor Centers, Whalebone Information Center, Hatteras Weather Bureau Station, and local tackle shops. Night beach driving permits will be required for off-road vehicle use (signed/dated by the driver and displayed on the dashboard of the vehicle) on all Cape Hatteras National Seashore ocean beaches between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. from September 16 to November 15. For further information, please call (252) 473-2111 ext. 148.

**As of September 23, 2009, Cape Hatteras National Seashore staff have documented 103 turtle nests on the Seashore beaches and 22 sea turtle protection areas are still in place -- 4 in Bodie-Hatteras District, 13 in Hatteras District, and 6 on Ocracoke Island.**

Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches are being managed under the terms of the U.S. District Court approved consent decree. Park visitors can expect to see resource closures for breeding shorebirds in effect to varying degrees from mid-March to mid-to-late-August and turtle nesting closures may occur until early November. Shorebird pre-nesting closures have already been established at the inlets, Cape Point, and South Beach. As soon as subsequent breeding activity is observed, the consent decree requires that automatic, non-discretionary buffers be implemented.

The Beach Access Report is issued every Thursday throughout the breeding season, **and updated news will be reported weekly in bold, BLUE print.** **\*\*All distances are approximate.\*\*** The weekly Beach Access Report is complemented by a Google Earth map, which is updated up to 5 times per week as access conditions change. The latest Google Earth beach access map can be viewed at: <http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/googleearthmap.htm>

Note: Closure conditions may change in the field on short notice. **On-site signage, rather than the Beach Access Report or Google Earth map, is the most accurate and current indication of what is open or closed to the public.** Closed areas are clearly marked in the field with “symbolic fencing” consisting of wooden or carsonite posts, closure signs, string, and flagging tape. Knowledge of tidal changes and caution should be exercised while traveling the beaches of the park. Pets are prohibited in resource protection areas. Elsewhere, pets must be physically restrained at all time on a lease not exceeding 6 feet in length.

AMOY = American Oystercatcher, PIPL = Piping Plover, LETE = Least Terns, BLSK = Black Skimmers, COTE = Common Tern, GUTE = Gull-billed Terns, WIPL = Wilson’s Plover

The National Park Service is committed to providing accurate and current information on the beach access and temporary resource closure issue for the visiting public and our community neighbors. We continue to receive questions about issues related to beach access and have developed a “Frequently Asked Questions” information sheet that is now posted on the Seashore’s website at: <http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/off-road-vehicle-use.htm>

Beach access mileage summaries are included for each district. The mileage is determined on a weekly basis using GIS data.

For more information, please contact: [cyndy\\_holda@nps.gov](mailto:cyndy_holda@nps.gov) or call 252-473-2111, ext. 148.

### **Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27; 15.8 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: **12.0** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; **1.4** miles open to pedestrians only; **2.2** miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); 0.2 miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

#### **Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)** (1.2 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access, but not for ORV access.

- An ORV SAFETY closure is 1.2 miles long.

#### **Ramp 2 - Ramp 4** (2.4 miles)

Current Status: **Ramp 2 is open**. The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from approximately 0.1 south of Ramp 2 to Ramp 4.

#### **Ramp 4 – Oregon Inlet** (Bodie Island Spit: 2.1 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV access south of Ramp 4 to Bodie Island Spit.

- August 6, 2009: The Bodie Island Spit prenesting area has been removed and there is ORV access for approximately 1.3 miles from Ramp 4 to the inlet. The wintering protection area has been installed, based on last year’s monitoring of the area. It includes an ORV access corridor to the north side of the Bait Pond to within 30 meters of the Bait Pond. From that point, pedestrian access is allowed. On the southwestern most tip of the Spit, about 100 meters on the western shoreline of the Spit near the bridge is marked for pedestrian access only via boat landings.
- July 29, 2009: The RESOURCE protection area was restored to the prenesting closure configuration, with its associated access corridor. Portions of the corridor at the southeast side of the spit have been lost to erosion, which currently limits access past that point to the inlet. The inlet shoreline south/west of the eroded area is open to boat landing (i.e., pedestrian access by boat.)
- July 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced) 0.5 of a mile south of Ramp 4 due to an AMOY chick considered to be fledged but not yet proficient in flying. Approximately 0.1 of a mile of shoreline was opened to pedestrians. No dogs will be allowed inside the pedestrian corridor. (REMOVED: July 29, 2009)
- June 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 17, 2009; opens 0.3 of a mile of shoreline to “limited access.”)
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

- May 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior. This closure, 0.8 of a mile in length, affects the "limited access" area for pedestrians south of Ramp 4 on the ocean shoreline.
- May 4, 2009: The Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) closure was modified (reduced) and the original prenesting shoreline was re-established when an AMOY pair nested elsewhere.
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.7 miles south of Ramp 4 (southern tip of Bodie Island Spit) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. Although, this does not currently affect ORV access, the closure does affect a portion of limited beach access for pedestrians.
- April 25, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the south shore of the Bait Pond for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- On April 10, 2009: The North Shore/Bait Pond closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 27, 2009)
- April 2, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the north shore of the Bait Pond, under the Bonner Bridge and east to the tidal creek, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure precludes ORV access along the ocean shoreline 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4.
- April 2, 2009: Due to continuing erosion of the ocean shoreline, the existing RESOURCE protection area has been extended approximately 0.2 miles south, which precludes pedestrian access in the intertidal zone past the closure.
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.3 miles south of Ramp 4 along the ocean shoreline, as a result of observed piping plover breeding behavior.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established that included interior areas of the spit and the "pond" shoreline and allowed an ORV access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline to a point 1.4 miles south of Ramp 4 and pedestrian access to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access in the RESOURCE protection area.

**Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo:** (Pea Island NWR boundary to Ramp 23 - 3.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access.

**Rodanthe – Ramp 23**

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 miles south of Rodanthe Pier. This area will be expanded on August 19<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 26, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.2 miles south of Rodanthe Pier. This area will be expanded on August 15<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. On July 26, 2009, a RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) located approximately 1.2 miles south of Rodanthe Pier, in a section of beach open to pedestrian access only, was deliberately vandalized. All closure signs and fencing at the site were removed and taken from the area, leaving the nest unmarked. The nest did not appear to be damaged. As a result of the violation, the buffer was expanded 50 meters and signed accordingly. (REMOVED: August 25, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.3 miles south of Rodanthe Pier. This area will be expanded on August 6<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be



pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.0 miles north of Ramp 23. This area will be expanded on August 7<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 miles north of Ramp 23. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 4<sup>th</sup>. This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 20, 2009)

**Ramp 23 - Ramp 27:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 23 through to Ramp 27.

- On August 17 and 18, 2009, the RESOURCE protection area located at Ramp 23 was deliberately vandalized. This was the second and third deliberate violation to occur at this site. As a result of the violations, the buffer was expanded 100 meters for the second deliberate violation and 500 meters for the third deliberate violation and the area was signed accordingly.
- A RESOURCE protection area (two adjacent sea turtle nest sites) is located approximately 0.1 mile south of Ramp 23. This area was expanded on September 10<sup>th</sup>. These nests are within their expected "hatch window." There is no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.1 miles south of Ramp 23. This area will be expanded on August 11<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection areas (least tern colonies) and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.4 miles south of Ramp 23. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on July 30<sup>th</sup>. This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection areas (least tern colonies) and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.0 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 7<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is now a full beach closure. There is no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.9 miles north of Ramp 27. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 26<sup>th</sup>. This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection areas (least tern colonies) and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.8 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on September 20<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest

closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.8 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on September 11, 2009. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.1 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 23rd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection area (expanded sea turtle nest sites), and therefore does not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the other sea turtle nests are removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- July 20, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 was modified (moved north) for unfledged LETE chicks. (REMOVED: August 18, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 23rd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: September 6, 2009)
- July 15, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded) on the southern boundary for observed unfledged LETE chicks. (REMOVED: August 31, 2009)
- July 4, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary for observed unfledged LETE chicks.
- July 3, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.9 of a mile north of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded) for observed unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 29, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was expanded by 50 meters due to deliberate violations (vandalism of the barricade and fencing).
- June 22, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) immediately adjacent (north) of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded) for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 18, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.9 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 15, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded to the west, north and south) for observed LETE breeding behavior and chicks.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 23 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established in front of Ramp 23 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on northern and southern ends) 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 23 or 2.3 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 8, 2009)

- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for LETE breeding behavior.

### **Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet; 33.4 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: **22.0** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; **10.3** miles open to pedestrians only; **0.7** miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); **0.4** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

#### **Ramp 27 - Ramp 30:** (2.1 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 27 through to Ramp 30.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.4 miles north of Ramp 30. This area will be expanded on September 3rd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: Sept. 12, 2009)
- August 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded on the southern end to ensure 200 meter buffer) for observed unfledged LETE chicks. (REMOVED: August 18, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles south of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 11th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.6 miles south of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 18th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 28, 2009)
- July 20, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) at Ramp 27 was removed which reopens shoreline access for 1.0 mile north and 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.5 miles north of Ramp 30. This nest is within the expected “hatch window” and the buffer will be expanded on July 27th. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 29, 2009)
- July 18 & 16 & 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was modified (adjusted/moved to ensure 200 meter buffer) for observed unfledged AMOY chicks. (REMOVED: September 2, 2009)
- July 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was modified (expanded) for observed unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 28, 2009: Full beach closures (RESOURCE protection area) on either side of Ramp 27 were expanded by 50 meters due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing).
- June 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on south end) 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on north end, reduced on south end) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 110 meters south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.
- May 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.
- May 28, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was reduced when a pair of AMOY lost a nest. The original protection area was retained for observed continued breeding behavior.
- May 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- May 21, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 24, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established (and then modified (expanded) on April 27, 2009) approximately 0.3 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior and unfledged AMOY chicks.
- April 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 24, 2009)
- April 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 28, 2009: The existing RESOURCE protection area was expanded to the south for observed American oystercatcher (AMOY) breeding behavior.
- March 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.1 miles north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 30 - Ramp 34:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access south of Ramp 30 to 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 34 to the Avon Village line.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles south of Ramp 30. The nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This area will be expanded on August 5th. There is ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)

- A RESOURCE protection (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.3 miles south of Ramp 30. This area was expanded on August 5<sup>th</sup>. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There is ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.7 miles north of Ramp 34. This area will be expanded on September 1st. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 30, 2009)
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- April 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile north of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)

**Ramp 34 - Ramp 38:** (3.9 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open 2.1 miles south of Ramp 34 and 0.4 of mile north of Ramp 38. There is a safety closure in effect immediately north of Avon Pier and extends south for 1.4 miles.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 miles south of Ramp 34. This area will be expanded on August 28th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: September 8, 2009)
- June 8, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 23, 2009)
- May 27, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) immediately south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. There is currently no beach access from Ramp 34 for ORVs or pedestrians, however, the parking lot adjacent to Hwy. 12 will remain open for parking.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure in front of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established directly in front of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. Pedestrians will be routed around the backside of the closure for access to the beach.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.3 miles north of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 21st. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: Sept. 11, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 38. This area was expanded on September 12th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. NOTE: This nest is located inside of what was the seasonal village closure, however there is now ORV access to the village but the nest prohibits ORV traffic until the nest hatches.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 38. This area was expanded on September 9<sup>th</sup>. The nest is within the expected "hatch window."



There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: Sept. 13, 2009)

**Ramp 38 - Ramp 43:** (6.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38. There is pedestrian access from approximately 6.0 miles south of Ramp 38 to Ramp 43.

- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 15th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 24, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.1 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 17th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will not be ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.1 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 28th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: September 4, 2009)
- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 29, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on July 16. There will be a pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 7, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 11th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 29, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.4 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 9th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 24, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 3.0 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 17th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore will not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: Sept. 16, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 3.2 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore will not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and

dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: Sept. 14, 2009)

- June 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on the northern end, reduced on the southern end) 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for LETE breeding behavior.
- June 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 20, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 3, 2009)
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp 38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 18, 2009)
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.9 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary (now 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38), in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)
- April 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles south of Ramp 38), in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVS. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- April 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.9 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 2.8 miles long, beginning 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 38 to .4 of a mile north of Ramp 43, due to very narrow beaches. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.8 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on September 19th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 3.4 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on September 1st. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: Sept. 13, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.9 miles north of Ramp 43. This area was expanded on September 12th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This

is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.7 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on September 2nd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a VILLAGE closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: Sept. 12, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.3 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on August 28th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SWIM BEACH closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: Sept. 13, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 mile north of Ramp 43. This area was expanded on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SWIM BEACH closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: September 17, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 mile north of Ramp 43. This area was expanded on September 12th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: September 18, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.8 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on September 21st. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SWIM BEACH closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.6 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on September 20th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SWIM BEACH closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 43. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 2nd. This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on August 26th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: September 8, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on August 8th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)

**Ramp 43 - Ramp 44:** (0.4 of a mile)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 43 to Ramp 44.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles south of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on September 21st. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of

the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles north of Ramp 44. This area will be expanded on August 16th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- June 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced and adjusted to the south) for unfledged AMOY chicks. The closure adjustment opens 0.1 of a mile to ORV access south of Ramp 43 and pedestrian access (staying out of the marked closure areas) via a pedestrian corridor along the ocean shoreline between Ramp 43 and Ramp 44.
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 43 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 44 - Ramp 45:** (Cape Point: 2.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 44 is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point. The Interdunal Road and Ramp 45 are open to ORV and pedestrian access. Salt Pond Road is closed.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.5 miles east of Salt Pond Road. This area will be expanded on August 20th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore does not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 miles east of Salt Pond Road. This area will be expanded on August 18th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- July 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced) on the east side of Cape Point due to AMOY chicks considered to be fledged but not yet proficient flyers. Approximately 0.9 of a mile of shoreline was opened to pedestrians. No dogs will be allowed inside the pedestrian corridor. (REMOVED: July 29, 2009)
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at the southern tip of Cape Point for LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced to north, expanded to south) at Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Ramp 44 due to the presence of piping plover chicks at Cape Point. Ramp 44 is closed to ORV use. (REMOVED: July 8, 2009)
- May 10 & 11, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified, Ramp 44 and 0.4 of a mile of ocean shoreline south of Ramp 44 re-opened for ORV use. The closure was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed PIPL and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified (expanded) for observed PIPL breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified a second time this week for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This modification closes Ramp 44 to ORV access.



- April 27, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified; this modification of 0.1 mile affected the ocean shoreline on the southern boundary of the closure, and the eastern boundary of the prenesting closure was expanded by 30 meters for observed AMOY and PIPL breeding behavior.
- On April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the ocean shoreline in front of Ramp 45 for observed PIPL breeding behavior. Ramp 45 is closed to ORV and pedestrian access just north of the dune line. (REMOVED: July 20, 2009)
- On April 19, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 was modified (extended) 300 meters to the south for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure is now 0.4 of a mile in length and there is no ORV or pedestrian access within the resource protection area.
- On April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Cape Point that included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure from approximately 0.2 miles south/west of Cape Point to approximately 0.3 east of Ramp 45; and allowed for an access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline. The total closure distance was approximately 1.0 mile in length. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area. (REMOVED: September 8, 2009)

**Ramp 45 - Ramp 49:** (South Beach: 3.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 45 is open. The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian use for approximately 2.9 miles southwest of Ramp 45 and 0.2 of a mile northeast of Ramp 49. There is no through access between Ramp 45 and Ramp 49.

- August 8, 2009: The South Beach prenesting area was removed and there is ORV access west of Ramp 45 for 1.4 miles. A RESOURCE protection area was left in place 1.4 miles west of Ramp 45 for an unfledged LETE chick. The required 200-meter buffer was established as the South Beach prenesting closure was removed. This closure prevents through access from Ramp 45 to Ramp 49 until the chick is fledged. (REMOVED: August 17, 2009, note: A full beach sea turtle nest site protections area approximately 1.5 miles northeast of Ramp 49 prohibits through access between Ramp 49 and Ramp 45 until the nest hatches.)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.5 miles southwest of Ramp 45. This area will be expanded on August 13. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. The tern colony has been REMOVED (8/17), and there is now ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009) (REMOVED: August 30, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.8 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on September 2nd. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (Full beach closure never installed; nest lost to inundation.)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.5 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on August 16th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.6 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on July 18. This is a full beach closure. There will not be ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 10, 2009)



- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 of a mile northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on July 22. There will be ORV and pedestrian access available behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.3 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area was expanded on September 11th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (This closure was expanded by 25 meters on the east and west sides due to a deliberate violation on September 3, 2009) (REMOVED: September 22, 2009)
- July 2, 2009: The westernmost boundary of the South Beach pre-nesting area was modified (reduced) as LETE chicks hatch and move within the interior of the closure.
- May 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed GBTE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed LETE breeding behavior. In addition, 0.2 of a mile of “limited access” within the closure is now closed to all entry for LETE breeding behavior.
- April 28, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) which further reduces the limited access section along the shoreline to 0.2 of a mile.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure was established on the western boundary of the existing South Beach pre-nesting area closure for observed AMOY breeding behavior which precludes ORV corridor access or pedestrian access along the lower beach.
- March 31, 2009: The western boundary of the existing full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was expanded by 50 meters due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing).
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established from approximately 0.2 miles to 0.7 miles west of Ramp 45 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Beach that included upper beach areas that encompass the dunes and extends towards the ocean but allows for an ORV corridor along the lower beach. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 49 - Ramp 55:** (5.9 miles; includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV use for 0.2 miles north and 0.5 miles south of Ramp 49. There is pedestrian, but not ORV, access from the Frisco village line to 0.1 of a mile east of Ramp 55.

- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest) is located 1.4 miles south of Frisco Pier. This nest will be expanded on September 27<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This nest is located within an annual Village closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest) is located approximately 0.4 of a mile southwest of Ramp 49. This area was expanded on July 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 8, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.5 miles southwest of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on September 17th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.0 miles southwest of Ramp 49. This nest will be expanded on August 16th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore will not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.8 miles southwest of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on August 17th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- May 27, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for unfledged AMOY chicks. (REMOVED: July 21, 2009)
- April 29, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was established (adjusted) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 5, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 13, 2009: A 150 meter buffer was established southwest of the Sandy Bay parking lot for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.7 miles long. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.8 miles north of Ramp 55. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest will be expanded on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 12, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.4 miles north of Ramp 55. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 1st. This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.0 miles north of Ramp 55. This area will be expanded on September 18th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: September 19, 2009)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 55. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This nest will be expanded on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 20, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 40 meters north of Ramp 55. This area will be expanded on August 13th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)

**Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet:** (Hatteras Inlet Spit: 2.7 miles)

Current Status: ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south/west to Hatteras Inlet. Access to the inlet for ORVs and pedestrians, including the “Rip,” is open. ORV access at the inlet may be impassable at high tide. The Pole Road is open to ORV and pedestrians south to the north end of the Isabel overwash area where traffic is routed onto the beach due to a pre-nesting protection area. Cable Crossing and Spur Road (south of the Isabel overwash area) are open.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.6 miles south of Ramp 55. This area will be expanded on September 23rd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 1.0 mile south of Ramp 55 was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 9, 2009)
- June 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.0 mile south of Ramp 55 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. The closure necessitates the closure of Hatteras Spit south of the Isabel overwash area. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- June 1, 2009: At Hatteras Inlet the original pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) at Hatteras Inlet for AMOY chicks. The closure necessitates the closure of the Spur Road. ORV and pedestrian access is open for 0.8 of a mile along the sound shoreline from Cable Crossing Road to just south of the terminus of the Spur Road. ORV access is tide dependent. (REMOVED: June 23, 2009)
- March 30, 2009: Due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing), the eastern boundary of the Hatteras Inlet pre-nesting area was expanded for a total of 0.1 mile (50 meters east of the easternmost vandalized sign). (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Hatteras Inlet Spit that included the ocean beach from approximately 0.1 mile south of the southern exit of Pole Road south/west to the inlet, then along the inlet shoreline to the sound shoreline 110 meters south of the Spur Road. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the soundside at the Isabel overwash area that included portions of the Pole Road adjacent to the overwash fans. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area. Ocean shoreline access is open past this area.

**Ocracoke Island District** (18.9 miles of ocean shoreline)

Mileage Summary: **10.8** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; **7.2** miles open to pedestrians only; 0.0 miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); **0.9** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

**Hatteras Inlet (North Ocracoke Spit) to Ramp 59:** (1.4 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.3 of a mile north of Ramp 59.

- July 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.3 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established and modified (expanded) on May 13, 2009, approximately 0.4 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at North Ocracoke Spit that included interior areas and the inlet shoreline and portions of the ocean shoreline. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 59 - Ramp 67:** (7.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV access for 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 and 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian, but not ORV access, from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 59. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer was expanded on September 5. This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: Sept. 13, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.5 miles south of Ramp 59. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 26th. This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.5 miles south of Ramp 59. This area was expanded on August 28th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: Sept. 11, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 5.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 15th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 22, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 4.5 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 27th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: September 6, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 4.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 15th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian

access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 22, 2009)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.9 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 14th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 22, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on July 18. This is a full beach closure. There will not be ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 5, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area was expanded on July 13. This area is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 5, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.1 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 22nd. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 miles north of Ramp 67. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 25th. This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.7 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on September 17th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.6 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on September 28th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.5 mile north of Ramp 59 for LETE chicks.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.6 miles southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)



- April 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 3 miles southwest of Ramp 59, in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED May 4, 2009)
- April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 5.2 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

**Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (includes Ramp 68):** (3.9 miles; includes Ramp 68)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV for 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 67 and 0.4 of a mile north of Ramp 70. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian access from Ramp 67 and Ramp 70.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 miles south of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on September 5th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: Sept. 13, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.3 miles north of Ramp 68. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is within an annual SAFETY closure, and therefore will not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: Sept. 15, 2009)
- May 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 2, 2009)
- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded & reduced), expanded by 0.1 of a mile on the northeast end of the existing closure and reduced by 0.3 of a mile on the southwestern end, located 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 15, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.7 miles north of Ramp 70. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 1st. This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 23, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.5 miles north of Ramp 70. This area was expanded on August 27th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: Sept. 10, 2009)
- April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (extended) approximately 1.3 miles north of Ramp 70 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.2 miles north of Ramp 70. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 28th. This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 miles north of Ramp 70. This area will be expanded on September 20th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window."

This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 miles north of Ramp 70. This area was expanded on August 19th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: September 1, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 70. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 3rd. This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: September 1, 2009)

#### **Ramp 70 - Ramp 72:** (1.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 70. This area will be expanded on July 18. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 20, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 miles north of Ramp 72. This area will be expanded on August 22nd. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles north of Ramp 72. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 24th. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)

#### **Ramp 72 to South Point:** (3.5 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access on the ocean shoreline and the inlet south of Ramp 72.

- August 9, 2009: The South Point prenesting area has been removed and there is ORV access for approximately 1.9 miles south of Ramp 72 to the inlet. The wintering protection area has been installed, based on last year's monitoring of the area. It includes a 30-meter wide ORV corridor to the north side of the wintering protection area for access to the soundside. There is ORV access to the inlet for approximately 0.8 of a mile. From that point, pedestrian access is allowed to the soundside.
- July 3, 2009: The South Point closure south of Ramp 72 was modified (reduced) which opens 0.5 of a mile of ocean shoreline for ORV access and a pedestrian only corridor extends south for another 0.4 of a mile. (See June 12 entry below for further.)
- June 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at South Point for unfledged AMOY chicks. Approximately 0.7 of a mile of "limited access" shoreline at the inlet is closed to public entry. "No landing" signs have been posted. (This expansion was REMOVED: July 10, 2009/PIPL chicks fledged; opens approx. 0.7 of a mile of "limited access" shoreline on Ocracoke Inlet.)
- June 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.1 miles south of Ramp 72 for unfledged LETE chicks. This modification closes almost all of the "limited access" area on the east side of South Point.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.6 miles south of Ramp 72. This area will be expanded on August 20th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There

will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.  
(REMOVED: September 1, 2009)

- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for unfledged Piping Plover chicks. (This expansion was REMOVED and then modified on: July 10 & July 13, 2009/PIPL chicks fledged and LETE nests/chicks; opens ORV and pedestrian access 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 72)
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.3 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for observed BLSK and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 10, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile south of Ramp 72 for observed least tern breeding behavior.
- March 24, 2009: The pre-nesting area was expanded by 50 meters at two locations at the inlet due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing). One of the expansions precludes ORV access to the inlet shoreline. Pedestrian access is permitted below the tide line to portions of the inlet shoreline outside of the established pre-nesting area.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Point Ocracoke that included the sound shoreline, portions of the inlet shoreline, and interior portions of the spit; and allowed an access corridor along the ocean shoreline to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including piping plovers, American oystercatchers, colonial waterbirds (3 species of terns and black skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians, and pets.

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## National Park Service Beach Access Report for October 1, 2009

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: **October 1, 2009**  
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As of September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009, in areas open to ORV use, night driving is allowed with a night driving permit. There is no cost to the permit and permits are available online at <http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/nightbeachdrivingpermit.htm>, all park Visitor Centers, Whalebone Information Center, Hatteras Weather Bureau Station, and local tackle shops. Night beach driving permits will be required for off-road vehicle use (signed/dated by the driver and displayed on the dashboard of the vehicle) on all Cape Hatteras National Seashore ocean beaches between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. from September 16 to November 15. For further information, please call (252) 473-2111 ext. 148.

**As of October 1, 2009, Cape Hatteras National Seashore staff have documented 103 turtle nests on the Seashore beaches and 21 sea turtle protection areas are still in place --4 in Bodie-Hatteras District, 11 in Hatteras District, and 6 on Ocracoke Island.**

Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches are being managed under the terms of the U.S. District Court approved consent decree. Park visitors can expect to see resource closures for breeding shorebirds in effect to varying degrees from mid-March to mid-to-late-August and turtle nesting closures may occur until early November. Shorebird pre-nesting closures have already been established at the inlets, Cape Point, and South Beach. As soon as subsequent breeding activity is observed, the consent decree requires that automatic, non-discretionary buffers be implemented.

The Beach Access Report is issued every Thursday throughout the breeding season, **and updated news will be reported weekly in bold, BLUE print.** **\*\*All distances are approximate.\*\*** The weekly Beach Access Report is complemented by a Google Earth map, which is updated up to 5 times per week as access conditions change. The latest Google Earth beach access map can be viewed at: <http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/googleearthmap.htm>

Note: Closure conditions may change in the field on short notice. **On-site signage, rather than the Beach Access Report or Google Earth map, is the most accurate and current indication of what is open or closed to the public.** Closed areas are clearly marked in the field with “symbolic fencing” consisting of wooden or carsonite posts, closure signs, string, and flagging tape. Knowledge of tidal changes and caution should be exercised while traveling the beaches of the park. Pets are prohibited in resource protection areas. Elsewhere, pets must be physically restrained at all time on a lease not exceeding 6 feet in length.

AMOY = American Oystercatcher, PIPL = Piping Plover, LETE = Least Terns, BLSK = Black Skimmers, COTE = Common Tern, GUTE = Gull-billed Terns, WIPL = Wilson’s Plover

The National Park Service is committed to providing accurate and current information on the beach access and temporary resource closure issue for the visiting public and our community neighbors. We continue to receive questions about issues related to beach access and have developed a “Frequently Asked Questions” information sheet that is now posted on the Seashore’s website at: <http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/off-road-vehicle-use.htm>

Beach access mileage summaries are included for each district. The mileage is determined on a weekly basis using GIS data.

For more information, please contact: [cyndy\\_holda@nps.gov](mailto:cyndy_holda@nps.gov) or call 252-473-2111, ext. 148.

### **Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27; 15.8 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: 12.0 miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; 1.4 miles open to pedestrians only; 2.2 miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); 0.2 miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

#### **Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)** (1.2 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access, but not for ORV access.

- An ORV SAFETY closure is 1.2 miles long.

#### **Ramp 2 - Ramp 4** (2.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 2 is open.

#### **Ramp 4 – Oregon Inlet** (Bodie Island Spit: 2.1 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV access south of Ramp 4 to Bodie Island Spit.

- August 6, 2009: The Bodie Island Spit prenesting area has been removed and there is ORV access for approximately 1.3 miles from Ramp 4 to the inlet. The wintering protection area has been installed, based on last year’s monitoring of the area. It includes an ORV access corridor to the north side of the Bait Pond to within 30 meters of the Bait Pond. From that point, pedestrian access is allowed. On the southwestern most tip of the Spit, about 100 meters on the western shoreline of the Spit near the bridge is marked for pedestrian access only via boat landings.
- July 29, 2009: The RESOURCE protection area was restored to the prenesting closure configuration, with its associated access corridor. Portions of the corridor at the southeast side of the spit have been lost to erosion, which currently limits access past that point to the inlet. The inlet shoreline south/west of the eroded area is open to boat landing (i.e., pedestrian access by boat.)
- July 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced) 0.5 of a mile south of Ramp 4 due to an AMOY chick considered to be fledged but not yet proficient in flying. Approximately 0.1 of a mile of shoreline was opened to pedestrians. No dogs will be allowed inside the pedestrian corridor. (REMOVED: July 29, 2009)
- June 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 17, 2009; opens 0.3 of a mile of shoreline to “limited access.”)
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior. This closure, 0.8 of a mile in length, affects the “limited access” area for pedestrians south of Ramp 4 on the ocean shoreline.



- May 4, 2009: The Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) closure was modified (reduced) and the original prenesting shoreline was re-established when an AMOY pair nested elsewhere.
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.7 miles south of Ramp 4 (southern tip of Bodie Island Spit) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. Although, this does not currently affect ORV access, the closure does affect a portion of limited beach access for pedestrians.
- April 25, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the south shore of the Bait Pond for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- On April 10, 2009: The North Shore/Bait Pond closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 27, 2009)
- April 2, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the north shore of the Bait Pond, under the Bonner Bridge and east to the tidal creek, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure precludes ORV access along the ocean shoreline 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4.
- April 2, 2009: Due to continuing erosion of the ocean shoreline, the existing RESOURCE protection area has been extended approximately 0.2 miles south, which precludes pedestrian access in the inter-tidal zone past the closure.
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.3 miles south of Ramp 4 along the ocean shoreline, as a result of observed piping plover breeding behavior.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established that included interior areas of the spit and the "pond" shoreline and allowed an ORV access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline to a point 1.4 miles south of Ramp 4 and pedestrian access to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access in the RESOURCE protection area.

**Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo:** (Pea Island NWR boundary to Ramp 23 - 3.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

**Rodanthe – Ramp 23**

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 miles south of Rodanthe Pier. This area will be expanded on August 19<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 26, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.2 miles south of Rodanthe Pier. This area will be expanded on August 15<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. On July 26, 2009, a RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) located approximately 1.2 miles south of Rodanthe Pier, in a section of beach open to pedestrian access only, was deliberately vandalized. All closure signs and fencing at the site were removed and taken from the area, leaving the nest unmarked. The nest did not appear to be damaged. As a result of the violation, the buffer was expanded 50 meters and signed accordingly. (REMOVED: August 25, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.3 miles south of Rodanthe Pier. This area will be expanded on August 6<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.0 miles north of Ramp 23. This area will be expanded on August 7<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 miles north of Ramp 23. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 4<sup>th</sup>. This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 20, 2009)

**Ramp 23 - Ramp 27:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access. There is no through access between Ramp 23 and Ramp 27.

- On August 17 and 18, 2009, the RESOURCE protection area located at Ramp 23 was deliberately vandalized. This was the second and third deliberate violation to occur at this site. As a result of the violations, the buffer was expanded 100 meters for the second deliberate violation and 500 meters for the third deliberate violation and the area was signed accordingly.
- A RESOURCE protection area (two adjacent sea turtle nest sites) is located approximately 0.1 mile south of Ramp 23. This area was expanded on September 10<sup>th</sup>. These nests are within their expected "hatch window." There is no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.1 miles south of Ramp 23. This area will be expanded on August 11<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection areas (least tern colonies) and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.4 miles south of Ramp 23. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on July 30<sup>th</sup>. This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection areas (least tern colonies) and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.0 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 7<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is now a full beach closure. There is no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.9 miles north of Ramp 27. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 26<sup>th</sup>. This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection areas (least tern colonies) and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.8 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on September 20<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.8 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on September 11, 2009. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.1 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 23rd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection area (expanded sea turtle nest sites), and therefore does not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the other sea turtle nests are removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- July 20, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 was modified (moved north) for unfledged LETE chicks. (REMOVED: August 18, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 23rd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: September 6, 2009)
- July 15, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded) on the southern boundary for observed unfledged LETE chicks. (REMOVED: August 31, 2009)
- July 4, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary for observed unfledged LETE chicks.
- July 3, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.9 of a mile north of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded) for observed unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 29, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was expanded by 50 meters due to deliberate violations (vandalism of the barricade and fencing).
- June 22, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) immediately adjacent (north) of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded) for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 18, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.9 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 15, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded to the west, north and south) for observed LETE breeding behavior and chicks.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 23 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established in front of Ramp 23 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on northern and southern ends) 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 23 or 2.3 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 8, 2009)
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.

- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for LETE breeding behavior.

**Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet; 33.4 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: 22.0 miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; 10.3 miles open to pedestrians only; 0.7 miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); 0.4 miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

**Ramp 27 - Ramp 30:** (2.1 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 27 through to Ramp 30.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.4 miles north of Ramp 30. This area will be expanded on September 3rd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: Sept. 12, 2009)
- August 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded on the southern end to ensure 200 meter buffer) for observed unfledged LETE chicks. (REMOVED: August 18, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles south of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 11th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.6 miles south of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 18th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 28, 2009)
- July 20, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) at Ramp 27 was removed which reopens shoreline access for 1.0 mile north and 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.5 miles north of Ramp 30. This nest is within the expected “hatch window” and the buffer will be expanded on July 27th. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 29, 2009)
- July 18 & 16 & 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was modified (adjusted/moved to ensure 200 meter buffer) for observed unfledged AMOY chicks. (REMOVED: September 2, 2009)
- July 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was modified (expanded) for observed unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 28, 2009: Full beach closures (RESOURCE protection area) on either side of Ramp 27 were expanded by 50 meters due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing).
- June 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on south end) 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.

- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on north end, reduced on south end) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 110 meters south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.
- May 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.
- May 28, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was reduced when a pair of AMOY lost a nest. The original protection area was retained for observed continued breeding behavior.
- May 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- May 21, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 24, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established (and then modified (expanded) on April 27, 2009) approximately 0.3 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior and unfledged AMOY chicks.
- April 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 24, 2009)
- April 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 28, 2009: The existing RESOURCE protection area was expanded to the south for observed American oystercatcher (AMOY) breeding behavior.
- March 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.1 miles north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 30 - Ramp 34:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access south of Ramp 30 to 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 34 to the Avon Village line.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles south of Ramp 30. The nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This area will be expanded on August 5th. There is ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.3 miles south of Ramp 30. This area was expanded on August 5<sup>th</sup>. The nest is within the expected “hatch window.” There is ORV



and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.7 miles north of Ramp 34. This area will be expanded on September 1st. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 30, 2009)
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- April 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile north of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)

#### **Ramp 34 - Ramp 38:** (3.9 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open 2.1 miles south of Ramp 34 and 0.4 of mile north of Ramp 38. There is a safety closure in effect immediately north of Avon Pier and extends south for 1.4 miles.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 miles south of Ramp 34. This area will be expanded on August 28th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: September 8, 2009)
- June 8, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 23, 2009)
- May 27, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) immediately south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. There is currently no beach access from Ramp 34 for ORVs or pedestrians, however, the parking lot adjacent to Hwy. 12 will remain open for parking.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure in front of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established directly in front of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. Pedestrians will be routed around the backside of the closure for access to the beach.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.3 miles north of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 21st. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: Sept. 11, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 38. This area was expanded on September 12th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. NOTE: This nest is located inside of what was the seasonal village closure, however there is now ORV access to the village but the nest prohibits ORV traffic until the nest hatches.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 38. This area was expanded on September 9<sup>th</sup>. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: Sept. 13, 2009)

**Ramp 38 - Ramp 43:** (6.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38. There is pedestrian access from approximately 6.0 miles south of Ramp 38 to Ramp 43.

- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 15th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 24, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.1 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 17th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will not be ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.1 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 28th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: September 4, 2009)
- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 29, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on July 16. There will be a pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 7, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 11th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 29, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.4 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 9th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 24, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 3.0 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 17th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore will not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: Sept. 16, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 3.2 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore will not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: Sept. 14, 2009)

- June 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38 for unfledged LETTE chicks.
- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on the northern end, reduced on the southern end) 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETTE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETTE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for LETTE breeding behavior.
- June 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETTE breeding behavior.
- May 20, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETTE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 3, 2009)
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp 38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 18, 2009)
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.9 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary (now 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38), in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)
- April 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles south of Ramp 38), in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVS. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- April 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.9 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 2.8 miles long, beginning 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 38 to .4 of a mile north of Ramp 43, due to very narrow beaches. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.8 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on September 19th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. **(REMOVED: September 29, 2009)**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 3.4 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on September 1st. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: Sept. 13, 2009)
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 3.4 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on October 4th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will**

**be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.9 miles north of Ramp 43. This area was expanded on September 12th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.7 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on September 2nd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a VILLAGE closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: Sept. 12, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.3 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on August 28th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SWIM BEACH closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: Sept. 13, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 mile north of Ramp 43. This area was expanded on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SWIM BEACH closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: September 17, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 mile north of Ramp 43. This area was expanded on September 12th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: September 18, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.8 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on September 21st. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SWIM BEACH closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.6 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on September 20th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SWIM BEACH closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 43. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 2nd. This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on August 26th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: September 8, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on August 8th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)

**Ramp 43 - Ramp 44:** (0.4 of a mile)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles south of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on September 21st. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles north of Ramp 44. This area will be expanded on August 16th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- June 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced and adjusted to the south) for unfledged AMOY chicks. The closure adjustment opens 0.1 of a mile to ORV access south of Ramp 43 and pedestrian access (staying out of the marked closure areas) via a pedestrian corridor along the ocean shoreline between Ramp 43 and Ramp 44.
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 43 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 44 - Ramp 45:** (Cape Point: 2.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 44 is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point. The Interdunal Road and Ramp 45 are open to ORV and pedestrian access. Salt Pond Road is closed.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.5 miles east of Salt Pond Road. This area will be expanded on August 20th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore does not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 miles east of Salt Pond Road. This area will be expanded on August 18th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- July 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced) on the east side of Cape Point due to AMOY chicks considered to be fledged but not yet proficient flyers. Approximately 0.9 of a mile of shoreline was opened to pedestrians. No dogs will be allowed inside the pedestrian corridor. (REMOVED: July 29, 2009)
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at the southern tip of Cape Point for LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced to north, expanded to south) at Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Ramp 44 due to the presence of piping plover chicks at Cape Point. Ramp 44 is closed to ORV use. (REMOVED: July 8, 2009)



- May 10 & 11, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified, Ramp 44 and 0.4 of a mile of ocean shoreline south of Ramp 44 re-opened for ORV use. The closure was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed PIPL and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified (expanded) for observed PIPL breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified a second time this week for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This modification closes Ramp 44 to ORV access.
- April 27, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified; this modification of 0.1 mile affected the ocean shoreline on the southern boundary of the closure, and the eastern boundary of the prenesting closure was expanded by 30 meters for observed AMOY and PIPL breeding behavior.
- On April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the ocean shoreline in front of Ramp 45 for observed PIPL breeding behavior. Ramp 45 is closed to ORV and pedestrian access just north of the dune line. (REMOVED: July 20, 2009)
- On April 19, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 was modified (extended) 300 meters to the south for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure is now 0.4 of a mile in length and there is no ORV or pedestrian access within the resource protection area.
- On April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Cape Point that included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure from approximately 0.2 miles south/west of Cape Point to approximately 0.3 east of Ramp 45; and allowed for an access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline. The total closure distance was approximately 1.0 mile in length. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area. (REMOVED: September 8, 2009)

**Ramp 45 - Ramp 49:** (South Beach: 3.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 45 is open. The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian use. There is no through access between Ramp 45 and Ramp 49.

- August 8, 2009: The South Beach prenesting area was removed and there is ORV access west of Ramp 45 for 1.4 miles. A RESOURCE protection area was left in place 1.4 miles west of Ramp 45 for an unfledged LETE chick. The required 200-meter buffer was established as the South Beach prenesting closure was removed. This closure prevents through access from Ramp 45 to Ramp 49 until the chick is fledged. (REMOVED: August 17, 2009, note: A full beach sea turtle nest site protections area approximately 1.5 miles northeast of Ramp 49 prohibits through access between Ramp 49 and Ramp 45 until the nest hatches.)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.5 miles southwest of Ramp 45. This area will be expanded on August 13. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. The tern colony has been REMOVED (8/17), and there is now ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009) (REMOVED: August 30, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.8 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on September 2nd. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (Full beach closure never installed; nest lost to inundation.)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.5 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on August 16th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.6 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on July 18. This is a full beach closure. There will not be ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 10,2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 of a mile northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on July 22. There will be ORV and pedestrian access available behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.3 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area was expanded on September 11th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (This closure was expanded by 25 meters on the east and west sides due to a deliberate violation on September 3, 2009) (REMOVED: September 22, 2009)
- July 2, 2009: The westernmost boundary of the South Beach pre-nesting area was modified (reduced) as LETE chicks hatch and move within the interior of the closure.
- May 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed GBTE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed LETE breeding behavior. In addition, 0.2 of a mile of "limited access" within the closure is now closed to all entry for LETE breeding behavior.
- April 28, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) which further reduces the limited access section along the shoreline to 0.2 of a mile.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure was established on the western boundary of the existing South Beach pre-nesting area closure for observed AMOY breeding behavior which precludes ORV corridor access or pedestrian access along the lower beach.
- March 31, 2009: The western boundary of the existing full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was expanded by 50 meters due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing).
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established from approximately 0.2 miles to 0.7 miles west of Ramp 45 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Beach that included upper beach areas that encompass the dunes and extends towards the ocean but allows for an ORV corridor along the lower beach. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 49 - Ramp 55:** (5.9 miles; includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV use for 0.2 miles north and 0.5 miles south of Ramp 49. There is pedestrian, but not ORV, access from the Frisco village line to 0.1 of a mile east of Ramp 55.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest) is located 1.4 miles south of Frisco Pier. This nest will be expanded on September 27<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This nest is located within an annual Village closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest) is located approximately 0.4 of a mile southwest of Ramp 49. This area was expanded on July 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” (REMOVED: August 8, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.5 miles southwest of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on September 17<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.0 miles southwest of Ramp 49. This nest will be expanded on August 16<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore will not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.8 miles southwest of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on August 17<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- May 27, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for unfledged AMOY chicks. (REMOVED: July 21, 2009)
- April 29, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was established (adjusted) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 5, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 13, 2009: A 150 meter buffer was established southwest of the Sandy Bay parking lot for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.7 miles long. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.8 miles north of Ramp 55. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This nest will be expanded on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 12, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.4 miles north of Ramp 55. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This area will be expanded on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.0 miles north of Ramp 55. This area will be expanded on September 18th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: September 19, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 55. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest will be expanded on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 20, 2009)
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 100 meters north of Ramp 55. This nest will be expanded on October 4th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 40 meters north of Ramp 55. This area will be expanded on August 13th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)

**Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet:** (Hatteras Inlet Spit: 2.7 miles)

Current Status: ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south/west to Hatteras Inlet. Access to the inlet for ORVs and pedestrians, including the "Rip," is open. ORV access at the inlet may be impassable at high tide. The Pole Road is open to ORV and pedestrians south to the north end of the Isabel overwash area where traffic is routed onto the beach due to a pre-nesting protection area. Cable Crossing and Spur Road (south of the Isabel overwash area) are open.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.6 miles south of Ramp 55. This area will be expanded on September 23rd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 1.0 mile south of Ramp 55 was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 9, 2009)
- June 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.0 mile south of Ramp 55 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. The closure necessitates the closure of Hatteras Spit south of the Isabel overwash area. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- June 1, 2009: At Hatteras Inlet the original pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) at Hatteras Inlet for AMOY chicks. The closure necessitates the closure of the Spur Road. ORV and pedestrian access is open for 0.8 of a mile along the sound shoreline from Cable Crossing Road to just south of the terminus of the Spur Road. ORV access is tide dependent. (REMOVED: June 23, 2009)
- March 30, 2009: Due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing), the eastern boundary of the Hatteras Inlet pre-nesting area was expanded for a total of 0.1 mile (50 meters east of the easternmost vandalized sign). (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Hatteras Inlet Spit that included the ocean beach from approximately 0.1 mile south of the southern exit of Pole Road

south/west to the inlet, then along the inlet shoreline to the sound shoreline 110 meters south of the Spur Road. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the soundside at the Isabel overwash area that included portions of the Pole Road adjacent to the overwash fans. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area. Ocean shoreline access is open past this area.

### **Ocracoke Island District (18.9 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: **10.7** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; 7.2 miles open to pedestrians only; 0.0 miles of "limited access" (open to pedestrians between closures); **1.0** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

#### **Hatteras Inlet (North Ocracoke Spit) to Ramp 59:** (1.4 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.3 of a mile north of Ramp 59.

- July 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.3 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established and modified (expanded) on May 13, 2009, approximately 0.4 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at North Ocracoke Spit that included interior areas and the inlet shoreline and portions of the ocean shoreline. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

#### **Ramp 59 - Ramp 67:** (7.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV access for 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 and 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian, but not ORV access, from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67.

- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.3 miles south of Ramp 59. This area will be expanded on October 6th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 59. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer was expanded on September 5. This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: Sept. 13, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.5 miles south of Ramp 59. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 26th. This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.5 miles south of Ramp 59. This area was expanded on August 28th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is



within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: Sept. 11, 2009)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 5.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 15th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 22, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 4.5 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 27th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: September 6, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 4.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 15th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 22, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.9 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 14th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 22, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on July 18. This is a full beach closure. There will not be ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 5, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area was expanded on July 13. This area is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 5, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.1 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 22nd. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 miles north of Ramp 67. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 25th. This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.7 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on September 17th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest

closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.6 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on September 28th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.5 mile north of Ramp 59 for LETE chicks.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.6 miles southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)
- April 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 3 miles southwest of Ramp 59, in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED May 4, 2009)
- April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 5.2 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

**Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (includes Ramp 68):** (3.9 miles; includes Ramp 68)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV access for 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 67 and **0.7** of a mile north of Ramp 70. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian access from Ramp 67 and Ramp 70.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 miles south of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on September 5th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: Sept. 13, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.3 miles north of Ramp 68. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is within an annual SAFETY closure, and therefore will not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: Sept. 15, 2009)
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 miles south of Ramp 68. This area will be expanded on October 5th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**
- May 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 2, 2009)
- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded & reduced), expanded by 0.1 of a mile on the northeast end of the existing closure and reduced by 0.3 of a

mile on the southwestern end, located 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

- April 15, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.7 miles north of Ramp 70. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 1st. This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 23, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.5 miles north of Ramp 70. This area was expanded on August 27th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: Sept. 10, 2009)
- April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (extended) approximately 1.3 miles north of Ramp 70 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.2 miles north of Ramp 70. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 28th. This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 miles north of Ramp 70. This area will be expanded on September 20th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 miles north of Ramp 70. This area was expanded on August 19th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: September 1, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 70. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 3rd. This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: September 1, 2009)
- **A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 miles north of Ramp 72. This area will be expanded on October 6th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.**

#### **Ramp 70 - Ramp 72:** (1.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 70. This area will be expanded on July 18. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 20, 2009)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 miles north of Ramp 72. This area will be expanded on August 22nd. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles north of Ramp 72. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 24th. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)

**Ramp 72 to South Point:** (3.5 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access on the ocean shoreline and the inlet south of Ramp 72.

- August 9, 2009: The South Point prenesting area has been removed and there is ORV access for approximately 1.9 miles south of Ramp 72 to the inlet. The wintering protection area has been installed, based on last year's monitoring of the area. It includes a 30-meter wide ORV corridor to the north side of the wintering protection area for access to the soundside. There is ORV access to the inlet for approximately 0.8 of a mile. From that point, pedestrian access is allowed to the soundside.
- July 3, 2009: The South Point closure south of Ramp 72 was modified (reduced) which opens 0.5 of a mile of ocean shoreline for ORV access and a pedestrian only corridor extends south for another 0.4 of a mile. (See June 12 entry below for further.)
- June 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at South Point for unfledged AMOY chicks. Approximately 0.7 of a mile of "limited access" shoreline at the inlet is closed to public entry. "No landing" signs have been posted. (This expansion was REMOVED: July 10, 2009/PIPL chicks fledged; opens approx. 0.7 of a mile of "limited access" shoreline on Ocracoke Inlet.)
- June 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.1 miles south of Ramp 72 for unfledged LETE chicks. This modification closes almost all of the "limited access" area on the east side of South Point.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.6 miles south of Ramp 72. This area will be expanded on August 20th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: September 1, 2009)
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for unfledged Piping Plover chicks. (This expansion was REMOVED and then modified on: July 10 & July 13, 2009/PIPL chicks fledged and LETE nests/chicks; opens ORV and pedestrian access 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 72)
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.3 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for observed BLSK and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 10, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile south of Ramp 72 for observed least tern breeding behavior.
- March 24, 2009: The pre-nesting area was expanded by 50 meters at two locations at the inlet due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing). One of the expansions precludes ORV access to the inlet shoreline. Pedestrian access is permitted below the tide line to portions of the inlet shoreline outside of the established pre-nesting area.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Point Ocracoke that included the sound shoreline, portions of the inlet shoreline, and interior portions of the

spit; and allowed an access corridor along the ocean shoreline to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including piping plovers, American oystercatchers, colonial waterbirds (3 species of terns and black skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians, and pets.

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## National Park Service Beach Access Report for October 8, 2009

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As of September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009, in areas open to ORV use, night driving is allowed with a night driving permit. There is no cost to the permit and permits are available online at <http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/nightbeachdrivingpermit.htm>, all park Visitor Centers, Whalebone Information Center, Hatteras Weather Bureau Station, and local tackle shops. Night beach driving permits will be required for off-road vehicle use (signed/dated by the driver and displayed on the dashboard of the vehicle) on all Cape Hatteras National Seashore ocean beaches between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. from September 16 to November 15. For further information, please call (252) 473-2111 ext. 148.

**As of October 8, 2009, Cape Hatteras National Seashore staff have documented 104 turtle nests on the Seashore beaches and 15 sea turtle protection areas are still in place --0 in Bodie-Hatteras District, 10 in Hatteras District (8 expanded, 2 unexpanded), and 5 on Ocracoke Island.**

Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches are being managed under the terms of the U.S. District Court approved consent decree. Park visitors can expect to see resource closures for breeding shorebirds in effect to varying degrees from mid-March to mid-to-late-August and turtle nesting closures may occur until early November. Shorebird pre-nesting closures have already been established at the inlets, Cape Point, and South Beach. As soon as subsequent breeding activity is observed, the consent decree requires that automatic, non-discretionary buffers be implemented.

The Beach Access Report is issued every Thursday throughout the breeding season, **and updated news will be reported weekly in bold, BLUE print.** **\*\*All distances are approximate.\*\*** The weekly Beach Access Report is complemented by a Google Earth map, which is updated up to 5 times per week as access conditions change. The latest Google Earth beach access map can be viewed at: <http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/googleearthmap.htm>

Note: Closure conditions may change in the field on short notice. **On-site signage, rather than the Beach Access Report or Google Earth map, is the most accurate and current indication of what is open or closed to the public.** Closed areas are clearly marked in the field with “symbolic fencing” consisting of wooden or carsonite posts, closure signs, string, and flagging tape. Knowledge of tidal changes and caution should be exercised while traveling the beaches of the park. Pets are prohibited in resource protection areas. Elsewhere, pets must be physically restrained at all time on a lease not exceeding 6 feet in length.

AMOY = American Oystercatcher, PIPL = Piping Plover, LETE = Least Terns, BLSK = Black Skimmers, COTE = Common Tern, GUTE = Gull-billed Terns, WIPL = Wilson’s Plover

The National Park Service is committed to providing accurate and current information on the beach access and temporary resource closure issue for the visiting public and our community neighbors. We continue to receive questions about issues related to beach access and have developed a “Frequently Asked Questions” information sheet that is now posted on the Seashore’s website at: <http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/off-road-vehicle-use.htm>

Beach access mileage summaries are included for each district. The mileage is determined on a weekly basis using GIS data.

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### **Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27; 15.8 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: **14.4** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; 1.4 miles open to pedestrians only; **0** miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); **0** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

#### **Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)** (1.2 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access, but not for ORV access.

- An ORV SAFETY closure is 1.2 miles long.

#### **Ramp 2 - Ramp 4** (2.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 2 is open to ORV use. North of Ramp 4, the beach is open for ORV access for approximately 2.4 miles and is open for pedestrian access approximately 3.5 miles. South of Ramp 4 the beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access to Oregon Inlet.

#### **Ramp 4 – Oregon Inlet** (Bodie Island Spit: 2.1 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV access south of Ramp 4 to Bodie Island Spit.

- August 6, 2009: The Bodie Island Spit prenesting area has been removed and there is ORV access for approximately 1.3 miles from Ramp 4 to the inlet. The wintering protection area has been installed, based on last year’s monitoring of the area. It includes an ORV access corridor to the north side of the Bait Pond to within 30 meters of the Bait Pond. From that point, pedestrian access is allowed. On the southwestern most tip of the Spit, about 100 meters on the western shoreline of the Spit near the bridge is marked for pedestrian access only via boat landings.
- July 29, 2009: The RESOURCE protection area was restored to the prenesting closure configuration, with its associated access corridor. Portions of the corridor at the southeast side of the spit have been lost to erosion, which currently limits access past that point to the inlet. The inlet shoreline south/west of the eroded area is open to boat landing (i.e., pedestrian access by boat.)
- July 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced) 0.5 of a mile south of Ramp 4 due to an AMOY chick considered to be fledged but not yet proficient in flying. Approximately 0.1 of a mile of shoreline was opened to pedestrians. No dogs will be allowed inside the pedestrian corridor. (REMOVED: July 29, 2009)
- June 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 17, 2009; opens 0.3 of a mile of shoreline to “limited access.”)
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

- May 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior. This closure, 0.8 of a mile in length, affects the “limited access” area for pedestrians south of Ramp 4 on the ocean shoreline.
- May 4, 2009: The Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) closure was modified (reduced) and the original prenesting shoreline was re-established when an AMOY pair nested elsewhere.
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.7 miles south of Ramp 4 (southern tip of Bodie Island Spit) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. Although, this does not currently affect ORV access, the closure does affect a portion of limited beach access for pedestrians.
- April 25, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the south shore of the Bait Pond for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- On April 10, 2009: The North Shore/Bait Pond closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 27, 2009)
- April 2, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the north shore of the Bait Pond, under the Bonner Bridge and east to the tidal creek, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure precludes ORV access along the ocean shoreline 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4.
- April 2, 2009: Due to continuing erosion of the ocean shoreline, the existing RESOURCE protection area has been extended approximately 0.2 miles south, which precludes pedestrian access in the intertidal zone past the closure.
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.3 miles south of Ramp 4 along the ocean shoreline, as a result of observed piping plover breeding behavior.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established that included interior areas of the spit and the “pond” shoreline and allowed an ORV access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline to a point 1.4 miles south of Ramp 4 and pedestrian access to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access in the RESOURCE protection area.

**Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo:** (Pea Island NWR boundary to Ramp 23 - 3.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach areas in front of the villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo are open to ORV and pedestrian access for 3.0 miles.

**Rodanthe – Ramp 23**

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 miles south of Rodanthe Pier. This area will be expanded on August 19<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 26, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.2 miles south of Rodanthe Pier. This area will be expanded on August 15<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. On July 26, 2009, a RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) located approximately 1.2 miles south of Rodanthe Pier, in a section of beach open to pedestrian access only, was deliberately vandalized. All closure signs and fencing at the site were removed and taken from the area, leaving the nest unmarked. The nest did not appear to be damaged. As a result of the violation, the buffer was expanded 50 meters and signed accordingly. (REMOVED: August 25, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.3 miles south of Rodanthe Pier. This area will be expanded on August 6<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest

is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.0 miles north of Ramp 23. This area will be expanded on August 7<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 miles north of Ramp 23. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 4<sup>th</sup>. This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 20, 2009)

**Ramp 23 - Ramp 27:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: **The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 4.3 miles between Ramp 23 and Ramp 27.**

- On August 17 and 18, 2009, the RESOURCE protection area located at Ramp 23 was deliberately vandalized. This was the second and third deliberate violation to occur at this site. As a result of the violations, the buffer was expanded 100 meters for the second deliberate violation and 500 meters for the third deliberate violation and the area was signed accordingly.
- A RESOURCE protection area (two adjacent sea turtle nest sites) is located approximately 0.1 mile south of Ramp 23. This area was expanded on September 10<sup>th</sup>. These nests are within their expected "hatch window." There is no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: October 2, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.1 miles south of Ramp 23. This area will be expanded on August 11<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection areas (least tern colonies) and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.4 miles south of Ramp 23. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on July 30<sup>th</sup>. This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection areas (least tern colonies) and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.0 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 7<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is now a full beach closure. There is no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.9 miles north of Ramp 27. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 26<sup>th</sup>. This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection areas (least tern colonies) and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.8 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on September 20<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of

the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: October 4, 2009)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.8 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on September 11, 2009. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: October 2, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.1 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 23rd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection area (expanded sea turtle nest sites), and therefore does not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the other sea turtle nests are removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- July 20, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 was modified (moved north) for unfledged LETE chicks. (REMOVED: August 18, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 23rd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: September 6, 2009)
- July 15, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded) on the southern boundary for observed unfledged LETE chicks. (REMOVED: August 31, 2009)
- July 4, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary for observed unfledged LETE chicks.
- July 3, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.9 of a mile north of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded) for observed unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 29, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was expanded by 50 meters due to deliberate violations (vandalism of the barricade and fencing).
- June 22, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) immediately adjacent (north) of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded) for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 18, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.9 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 15, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded to the west, north and south) for observed LETE breeding behavior and chicks.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 23 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established in front of Ramp 23 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on northern and southern ends) 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 23 or 2.3 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 8, 2009)



- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for LETE breeding behavior.

### **Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet; 33.4 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: 22.0 miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; **10.2** miles open to pedestrians only; 0.7 miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); **0.5** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

#### **Ramp 27 - Ramp 30:** (2.1 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 2.1 miles between Ramp 27 and Ramp 30.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.4 miles north of Ramp 30. This area will be expanded on September 3rd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: Sept. 12, 2009)
- August 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded on the southern end to ensure 200 meter buffer) for observed unfledged LETE chicks. (REMOVED: August 18, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles south of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 11th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.6 miles south of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 18th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 28, 2009)
- July 20, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) at Ramp 27 was removed which reopens shoreline access for 1.0 mile north and 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.5 miles north of Ramp 30. This nest is within the expected “hatch window” and the buffer will be expanded on July 27th. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 29, 2009)
- July 18 & 16 & 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was modified (adjusted/moved to ensure 200 meter buffer) for observed unfledged AMOY chicks. (REMOVED: September 2, 2009)
- July 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was modified (expanded) for observed unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 28, 2009: Full beach closures (RESOURCE protection area) on either side of Ramp 27 were expanded by 50 meters due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing).
- June 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on south end) 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on north end, reduced on south end) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 110 meters south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.
- May 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.
- May 28, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was reduced when a pair of AMOY lost a nest. The original protection area was retained for observed continued breeding behavior.
- May 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- May 21, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 24, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established (and then modified (expanded) on April 27, 2009) approximately 0.3 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior and unfledged AMOY chicks.
- April 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 24, 2009)
- April 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 28, 2009: The existing RESOURCE protection area was expanded to the south for observed American oystercatcher (AMOY) breeding behavior.
- March 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.1 miles north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 30 - Ramp 34:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access south of Ramp 30 to 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 34 to the Avon Village line.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles south of Ramp 30. The nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This area will be expanded on August 5th. There is ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)

- A RESOURCE protection (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.3 miles south of Ramp 30. This area was expanded on August 5<sup>th</sup>. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There is ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.7 miles north of Ramp 34. This area will be expanded on September 1st. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 30, 2009)
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- April 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile north of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)

**Ramp 34 - Ramp 38:** (3.9 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open 2.1 miles south of Ramp 34 and 1.4 of mile north of Ramp 38. There is a safety closure in effect immediately north of Avon Pier and extends south for 0.4 miles.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 miles south of Ramp 34. This area will be expanded on August 28th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: September 8, 2009)
- June 8, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 23, 2009)
- May 27, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) immediately south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. There is currently no beach access from Ramp 34 for ORVs or pedestrians, however, the parking lot adjacent to Hwy. 12 will remain open for parking.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure in front of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established directly in front of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. Pedestrians will be routed around the backside of the closure for access to the beach.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.3 miles north of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 21st. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: Sept. 11, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 38. This area was expanded on September 12th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. NOTE: This nest is located inside of what was the seasonal village closure, however there is now ORV access to the village but the nest prohibits ORV traffic until the nest hatches. (REMOVED: October 2, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 38. This area was expanded on September 9<sup>th</sup>. The nest is within the expected "hatch window."

There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: Sept. 13, 2009)

**Ramp 38 - Ramp 43:** (6.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38. There is pedestrian access from approximately 6.0 miles south of Ramp 38 to Ramp 43.

- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 15th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 24, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.1 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 17th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will not be ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.1 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 28th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: September 4, 2009)
- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 29, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on July 16. There will be a pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 7, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 11th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 29, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.4 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 9th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 24, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 3.0 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 17th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore will not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: Sept. 16, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 3.2 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore will not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and



dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: Sept. 14, 2009)

- June 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on the northern end, reduced on the southern end) 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for LETE breeding behavior.
- June 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 20, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 3, 2009)
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp 38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 18, 2009)
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp 38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.9 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary (now 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38), in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)
- April 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles south of Ramp 38), in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- April 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.9 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 2.8 miles long, beginning 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 38 to .4 of a mile north of Ramp 43, due to very narrow beaches. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.8 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on September 19th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: September 29, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 3.4 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on September 1st. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: Sept. 13, 2009)



- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 3.4 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on October 4th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.9 miles north of Ramp 43. This area was expanded on September 12th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.7 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on September 2nd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a VILLAGE closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: Sept. 12, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.3 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on August 28th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SWIM BEACH closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: Sept. 13, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 mile north of Ramp 43. This area was expanded on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SWIM BEACH closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: September 17, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 mile north of Ramp 43. This area was expanded on September 12th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: September 18, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.8 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on September 21st. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SWIM BEACH closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.6 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on September 20th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SWIM BEACH closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 43. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 2nd. This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on August 26th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: September 8, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on August 8th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There

will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.  
(REMOVED: August 21, 2009)

**Ramp 43 - Ramp 44:** (0.4 of a mile)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles south of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on September 21st. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles north of Ramp 44. This area will be expanded on August 16th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- June 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced and adjusted to the south) for unfledged AMOY chicks. The closure adjustment opens 0.1 of a mile to ORV access south of Ramp 43 and pedestrian access (staying out of the marked closure areas) via a pedestrian corridor along the ocean shoreline between Ramp 43 and Ramp 44.
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 43 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 44 - Ramp 45:** (Cape Point: 2.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 44 is open for ORV and pedestrian access from Ramp 44 south to Cape Point. The Interdunal Road and Ramp 45 are open to ORV and pedestrian access. Salt Pond Road is closed.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.5 miles east of Salt Pond Road. This area will be expanded on August 20th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore does not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 miles east of Salt Pond Road. This area will be expanded on August 18th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- July 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced) on the east side of Cape Point due to AMOY chicks considered to be fledged but not yet proficient flyers. Approximately 0.9 of a mile of shoreline was opened to pedestrians. No dogs will be allowed inside the pedestrian corridor. (REMOVED: July 29, 2009)
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at the southern tip of Cape Point for LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced to north, expanded to south) at Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.

- May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Ramp 44 due to the presence of piping plover chicks at Cape Point. Ramp 44 is closed to ORV use. (REMOVED: July 8, 2009)
- May 10 & 11, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified, Ramp 44 and 0.4 of a mile of ocean shoreline south of Ramp 44 re-opened for ORV use. The closure was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed PIPL and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified (expanded) for observed PIPL breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified a second time this week for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This modification closes Ramp 44 to ORV access.
- April 27, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified; this modification of 0.1 mile affected the ocean shoreline on the southern boundary of the closure, and the eastern boundary of the prenesting closure was expanded by 30 meters for observed AMOY and PIPL breeding behavior.
- On April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the ocean shoreline in front of Ramp 45 for observed PIPL breeding behavior. Ramp 45 is closed to ORV and pedestrian access just north of the dune line. (REMOVED: July 20, 2009)
- On April 19, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 was modified (extended) 300 meters to the south for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure is now 0.4 of a mile in length and there is no ORV or pedestrian access within the resource protection area.
- On April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Cape Point that included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure from approximately 0.2 miles south/west of Cape Point to approximately 0.3 east of Ramp 45; and allowed for an access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline. The total closure distance was approximately 1.0 mile in length. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area. (REMOVED: September 8, 2009)

**Ramp 45 - Ramp 49:** (South Beach: 3.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 45 is open. The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian use. There is no through access between Ramp 45 and Ramp 49.

- August 8, 2009: The South Beach prenesting area was removed and there is ORV access west of Ramp 45 for 1.4 miles. A RESOURCE protection area was left in place 1.4 miles west of Ramp 45 for an unfledged LETE chick. The required 200-meter buffer was established as the South Beach prenesting closure was removed. This closure prevents through access from Ramp 45 to Ramp 49 until the chick is fledged. (REMOVED: August 17, 2009, note: A full beach sea turtle nest site protections area approximately 1.5 miles northeast of Ramp 49 prohibits through access between Ramp 49 and Ramp 45 until the nest hatches.)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.5 miles southwest of Ramp 45. This area will be expanded on August 13. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. The tern colony has been REMOVED (8/17), and there is now ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009) (REMOVED: August 30, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.8 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on September 2nd. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (Full beach closure never installed; nest lost to inundation.)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.5 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on August 16th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window."

This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.6 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on July 18. This is a full beach closure. There will not be ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” (REMOVED: August 10, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 of a mile northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on July 22. There will be ORV and pedestrian access available behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.3 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area was expanded on September 11th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (This closure was expanded by 25 meters on the east and west sides due to a deliberate violation on September 3, 2009) (REMOVED: September 22, 2009)
- July 2, 2009: The westernmost boundary of the South Beach pre-nesting area was modified (reduced) as LETE chicks hatch and move within the interior of the closure.
- May 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed GBTE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed LETE breeding behavior. In addition, 0.2 of a mile of “limited access” within the closure is now closed to all entry for LETE breeding behavior.
- April 28, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) which further reduces the limited access section along the shoreline to 0.2 of a mile.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure was established on the western boundary of the existing South Beach pre-nesting area closure for observed AMOY breeding behavior which precludes ORV corridor access or pedestrian access along the lower beach.
- March 31, 2009: The western boundary of the existing full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was expanded by 50 meters due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing).
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established from approximately 0.2 miles to 0.7 miles west of Ramp 45 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Beach that included upper beach areas that encompass the dunes and extends towards the ocean but allows for an ORV corridor along the lower beach. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.



**Ramp 49 - Ramp 55:** (5.9 miles; includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV use for **0.3 miles north and 1.5 miles south of Ramp 49**. There is pedestrian, but not ORV, access from the Frisco village line to 0.1 of a mile east of Ramp 55.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest) is located 1.4 miles south of Frisco Pier. This nest will be expanded on September 27<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This nest is located within an annual Village closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest) is located approximately 0.4 of a mile southwest of Ramp 49. This area was expanded on July 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” (REMOVED: August 8, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.5 miles southwest of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on September 17<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: October 8, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.0 miles southwest of Ramp 49. This nest will be expanded on August 16<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore will not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.8 miles southwest of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on August 17<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- May 27, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for unfledged AMOY chicks. (REMOVED: July 21, 2009)
- April 29, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was established (adjusted) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 5, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 13, 2009: A 150 meter buffer was established southwest of the Sandy Bay parking lot for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.7 miles long. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.8 miles north of Ramp 55. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This nest will be expanded on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 12, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.4 miles north of Ramp 55. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” This area will be expanded on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access



behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.0 miles north of Ramp 55. This area will be expanded on September 18th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: September 19, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 55. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest will be expanded on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 20, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 100 meters north of Ramp 55. This nest will be expanded on October 4th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 40 meters north of Ramp 55. This area will be expanded on August 13th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)

**Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet:** (Hatteras Inlet Spit: 2.7 miles)

Current Status: ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south/west to Hatteras Inlet. Access to the inlet for ORVs and pedestrians, including the "Rip," is open. ORV access at the inlet may be impassable at high tide. The Pole Road is open to ORV and pedestrians south to the north end of the Isabel overwash area where traffic is routed onto the beach due to a pre-nesting protection area. Cable Crossing and Spur Road (south of the Isabel overwash area) are open.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.6 miles south of Ramp 55. This area will be expanded on September 23rd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 1.0 mile south of Ramp 55 was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 9, 2009)
- June 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.0 mile south of Ramp 55 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. The closure necessitates the closure of Hatteras Spit south of the Isabel overwash area. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- June 1, 2009: At Hatteras Inlet the original pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) at Hatteras Inlet for AMOY chicks. The closure necessitates the closure of the Spur Road. ORV and pedestrian access is open for 0.8 of a mile along the sound shoreline from Cable Crossing Road to just south of the terminus of the Spur Road. ORV access is tide dependent. (REMOVED: June 23, 2009)
- March 30, 2009: Due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing), the eastern boundary of the Hatteras Inlet pre-nesting area was expanded for a total of 0.1 mile (50 meters east of the easternmost vandalized sign). (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)

- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Hatteras Inlet Spit that included the ocean beach from approximately 0.1 mile south of the southern exit of Pole Road south/west to the inlet, then along the inlet shoreline to the sound shoreline 110 meters south of the Spur Road. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the soundside at the Isabel overwash area that included portions of the Pole Road adjacent to the overwash fans. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area. Ocean shoreline access is open past this area.

### **Ocracoke Island District (18.9 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: **9.3** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; **7.8** miles open to pedestrians only; **0.6** miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); **1.2** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

#### **Hatteras Inlet (North Ocracoke Spit) to Ramp 59:** (1.4 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.3 of a mile north of Ramp 59.

- July 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.3 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established and modified (expanded) on May 13, 2009, approximately 0.4 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at North Ocracoke Spit that included interior areas and the inlet shoreline and portions of the ocean shoreline. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

#### **Ramp 59 - Ramp 67:** (7.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV access for 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 and 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian, but not ORV access, from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.3 miles south of Ramp 59. This area will be expanded on October 6th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 59. This nest is within the expected “hatch window” and the buffer was expanded on September 5. This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: Sept. 13, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.5 miles south of Ramp 59. This nest is within the expected "hatch window and the buffer will be expanded on July 26th. This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.5 miles south of Ramp 59. This area was expanded on August 28th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: Sept. 11, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 5.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 15th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 22, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 4.5 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 27th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: September 6, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 4.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 15th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 22, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.9 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 14th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 22, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on July 18. This is a full beach closure. There will not be ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 5, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area was expanded on July 13. This area is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 5, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.1 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 22nd. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 miles north of Ramp 67. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 25th. This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.7 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on September 17th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window."

This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: October 7, 2009)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.6 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on September 28th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.5 mile north of Ramp 59 for LETE chicks.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.6 miles southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)
- April 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 3 miles southwest of Ramp 59, in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED May 4, 2009)
- April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 5.2 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

**Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (includes Ramp 68):** (3.9 miles; includes Ramp 68)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV access for 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 67 and 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 70. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian access from Ramp 67 and Ramp 70.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 miles south of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on September 5th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: Sept. 13, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.3 miles north of Ramp 68. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is within an annual SAFETY closure, and therefore will not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: Sept. 15, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 miles south of Ramp 68. This area will be expanded on October 5th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- May 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 2, 2009)

- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded & reduced), expanded by 0.1 of a mile on the northeast end of the existing closure and reduced by 0.3 of a mile on the southwestern end, located 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 15, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.7 miles north of Ramp 70. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 1st. This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 23, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.5 miles north of Ramp 70. This area was expanded on August 27th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: Sept. 10, 2009)
- April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (extended) approximately 1.3 miles north of Ramp 70 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.2 miles north of Ramp 70. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 28th. This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 miles north of Ramp 70. This area will be expanded on September 20th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 miles north of Ramp 70. This area was expanded on August 19th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: September 1, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 70. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 3rd. This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: September 1, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 miles north of Ramp 72. This area will be expanded on October 6th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.



**Ramp 70 - Ramp 72:** (1.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 70. This area will be expanded on July 18. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 20, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 miles north of Ramp 72. This area will be expanded on August 22nd. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles north of Ramp 72. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 24th. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)

**Ramp 72 to South Point:** (3.5 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access on the ocean shoreline and the inlet south of Ramp 72.

- August 9, 2009: The South Point prenesting area has been removed and there is ORV access for approximately 1.9 miles south of Ramp 72 to the inlet. The wintering protection area has been installed, based on last year's monitoring of the area. It includes a 30-meter wide ORV corridor to the north side of the wintering protection area for access to the soundside. There is ORV access to the inlet for approximately 0.8 of a mile. From that point, pedestrian access is allowed to the soundside.
- July 3, 2009: The South Point closure south of Ramp 72 was modified (reduced) which opens 0.5 of a mile of ocean shoreline for ORV access and a pedestrian only corridor extends south for another 0.4 of a mile. (See June 12 entry below for further.)
- June 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at South Point for unfledged AMOY chicks. Approximately 0.7 of a mile of "limited access" shoreline at the inlet is closed to public entry. "No landing" signs have been posted. (This expansion was REMOVED: July 10, 2009/PIPL chicks fledged; opens approx. 0.7 of a mile of "limited access" shoreline on Ocracoke Inlet.)
- June 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.1 miles south of Ramp 72 for unfledged LETE chicks. This modification closes almost all of the "limited access" area on the east side of South Point.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.6 miles south of Ramp 72. This area will be expanded on August 20th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: September 1, 2009)
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for unfledged Piping Plover chicks. (This expansion was REMOVED and then modified on: July 10 & July 13, 2009/PIPL chicks fledged and LETE nests/chicks; opens ORV and pedestrian access 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 72)
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.3 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for observed BLSK and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 10, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile south of Ramp 72 for observed least tern breeding behavior.

- March 24, 2009: The pre-nesting area was expanded by 50 meters at two locations at the inlet due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing). One of the expansions precludes ORV access to the inlet shoreline. Pedestrian access is permitted below the tide line to portions of the inlet shoreline outside of the established pre-nesting area.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Point Ocracoke that included the sound shoreline, portions of the inlet shoreline, and interior portions of the spit; and allowed an access corridor along the ocean shoreline to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including piping plovers, American oystercatchers, colonial waterbirds (3 species of terns and black skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians, and pets.

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## National Park Service Beach Access Report for October 15, 2009

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: **October 15, 2009**

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As of September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009, in areas open to ORV use, night driving is allowed with a night driving permit. There is no cost to the permit and permits are available online at <http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/nightbeachdrivingpermit.htm>, all park Visitor Centers, Whalebone Information Center, Hatteras Weather Bureau Station, and local tackle shops. Night beach driving permits will be required for off-road vehicle use (signed/dated by the driver and displayed on the dashboard of the vehicle) on all Cape Hatteras National Seashore ocean beaches between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. from September 16 to November 15. For further information, please call (252) 473-2111 ext. 148.

**As of October 15, 2009, Cape Hatteras National Seashore staff have documented 104 turtle nests on the Seashore beaches and 11 sea turtle protection areas are still in place --0 in Bodie-Hatteras District, 6 in Hatteras District (4 expanded, 2 unexpanded), and 5 on Ocracoke Island; all expanded. With only 2 turtle nests left to expand this season, this will be the last beach access report for the 2009 season, therefore, any further significant changes in beach access during then non-breeding season will be announced in individual press releases.**

Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches are being managed under the terms of the U.S. District Court approved consent decree. Park visitors can expect to see resource closures for breeding shorebirds in effect to varying degrees from mid-March to mid-to-late-August and turtle nesting closures may occur until early November. Shorebird pre-nesting closures have already been established at the inlets, Cape Point, and South Beach. As soon as subsequent breeding activity is observed, the consent decree requires that automatic, non-discretionary buffers be implemented.

The Beach Access Report is issued every Thursday throughout the breeding season, **and updated news will be reported weekly in bold, BLUE print.** **\*\*All distances are approximate.\*\*** The weekly Beach Access Report is complemented by a Google Earth map, which is updated up to 5 times per week as access conditions change. The latest Google Earth beach access map can be viewed at: <http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/googleearthmap.htm>

Note: Closure conditions may change in the field on short notice. **On-site signage, rather than the Beach Access Report or Google Earth map, is the most accurate and current indication of what is open or closed to the public.** Closed areas are clearly marked in the field with “symbolic fencing” consisting of wooden or carsonite posts, closure signs, string, and flagging tape. Knowledge of tidal changes and caution should be exercised while traveling the beaches of the park. Pets are prohibited in resource protection areas. Elsewhere, pets must be physically restrained at all time on a lease not exceeding 6 feet in length.

AMOY = American Oystercatcher, PIPL = Piping Plover, LETE = Least Terns, BLSK = Black Skimmers, COTE = Common Tern, GUTE = Gull-billed Terns, WIPL = Wilson’s Plover

The National Park Service is committed to providing accurate and current information on the beach access and temporary resource closure issue for the visiting public and our community neighbors. We continue to receive

questions about issues related to beach access and have developed a “Frequently Asked Questions” information sheet that is now posted on the Seashore’s website at: <http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/off-road-vehicle-use.htm>

Beach access mileage summaries are included for each district. The mileage is determined on a weekly basis using GIS data.

For more information, please contact: [cyndy\\_holda@nps.gov](mailto:cyndy_holda@nps.gov) or call 252-473-2111, ext. 148.

### **Bodie Island District (Coquina Beach to Ramp 27; 15.8 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: 14.4 miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; 1.4 miles open to pedestrians only; 0 miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); 0 miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

#### **Ramp 1 - Ramp 2 (Coquina Beach Area)** (1.2 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for pedestrian access, but not for ORV access.

- An ORV SAFETY closure is 1.2 miles long.

#### **Ramp 2 - Ramp 4** (2.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 2 is open to ORV use. North of Ramp 4, the beach is open for ORV access for approximately 2.4 miles and is open for pedestrian access approximately 3.5 miles. South of Ramp 4 the beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access to Oregon Inlet.

#### **Ramp 4 – Oregon Inlet** (Bodie Island Spit: 2.1 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV access south of Ramp 4 to Bodie Island Spit.

- August 6, 2009: The Bodie Island Spit prenesting area has been removed and there is ORV access for approximately 1.3 miles from Ramp 4 to the inlet. The wintering protection area has been installed, based on last year’s monitoring of the area. It includes an ORV access corridor to the north side of the Bait Pond to within 30 meters of the Bait Pond. From that point, pedestrian access is allowed. On the southwestern most tip of the Spit, about 100 meters on the western shoreline of the Spit near the bridge is marked for pedestrian access only via boat landings.
- July 29, 2009: The RESOURCE protection area was restored to the prenesting closure configuration, with its associated access corridor. Portions of the corridor at the southeast side of the spit have been lost to erosion, which currently limits access past that point to the inlet. The inlet shoreline south/west of the eroded area is open to boat landing (i.e., pedestrian access by boat.)
- July 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced) 0.5 of a mile south of Ramp 4 due to an AMOY chick considered to be fledged but not yet proficient in flying. Approximately 0.1 of a mile of shoreline was opened to pedestrians. No dogs will be allowed inside the pedestrian corridor. (REMOVED: July 29, 2009)
- June 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 17, 2009; opens 0.3 of a mile of shoreline to “limited access.”)
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior.

- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was re-established at the Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 5, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed LETE breeding behavior. This closure, 0.8 of a mile in length, affects the "limited access" area for pedestrians south of Ramp 4 on the ocean shoreline.
- May 4, 2009: The Bodie Island Spit (southernmost tip) closure was modified (reduced) and the original prenesting shoreline was re-established when an AMOY pair nested elsewhere.
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.7 miles south of Ramp 4 (southern tip of Bodie Island Spit) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. Although, this does not currently affect ORV access, the closure does affect a portion of limited beach access for pedestrians.
- April 25, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the south shore of the Bait Pond for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- On April 10, 2009: The North Shore/Bait Pond closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 27, 2009)
- April 2, 2009: A RESOURCE protection area was established on the north shore of the Bait Pond, under the Bonner Bridge and east to the tidal creek, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure precludes ORV access along the ocean shoreline 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 4.
- April 2, 2009: Due to continuing erosion of the ocean shoreline, the existing RESOURCE protection area has been extended approximately 0.2 miles south, which precludes pedestrian access in the intertidal zone past the closure.
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.3 miles south of Ramp 4 along the ocean shoreline, as a result of observed piping plover breeding behavior.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established that included interior areas of the spit and the "pond" shoreline and allowed an ORV access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline to a point 1.4 miles south of Ramp 4 and pedestrian access to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access in the RESOURCE protection area.

**Villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo:** (Pea Island NWR boundary to Ramp 23 - 3.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach areas in front of the villages of Rodanthe, Waves, and Salvo are open to ORV and pedestrian access for 3.0 miles.

**Rodanthe – Ramp 23**

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 miles south of Rodanthe Pier. This area will be expanded on August 19<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 26, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.2 miles south of Rodanthe Pier. This area will be expanded on August 15<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. On July 26, 2009, a RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) located approximately 1.2 miles south of Rodanthe Pier, in a section of beach open to pedestrian access only, was deliberately vandalized. All closure signs and fencing at the site were removed and taken from the area, leaving the nest unmarked. The nest did not appear to be damaged. As a result of the violation, the buffer was expanded 50 meters and signed accordingly. (REMOVED: August 25, 2009)



- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.3 miles south of Rodanthe Pier. This area will be expanded on August 6<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.0 miles north of Ramp 23. This area will be expanded on August 7<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 miles north of Ramp 23. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 4<sup>th</sup>. This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 20, 2009)

**Ramp 23 - Ramp 27:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 4.3 miles between Ramp 23 and Ramp 27.

- On August 17 and 18, 2009, the RESOURCE protection area located at Ramp 23 was deliberately vandalized. This was the second and third deliberate violation to occur at this site. As a result of the violations, the buffer was expanded 100 meters for the second deliberate violation and 500 meters for the third deliberate violation and the area was signed accordingly.
- A RESOURCE protection area (two adjacent sea turtle nest sites) is located approximately 0.1 mile south of Ramp 23. This area was expanded on September 10<sup>th</sup>. These nests are within their expected "hatch window." There is no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: October 2, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.1 miles south of Ramp 23. This area will be expanded on August 11<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection areas (least tern colonies) and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.4 miles south of Ramp 23. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on July 30<sup>th</sup>. This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection areas (least tern colonies) and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.0 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 7<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is now a full beach closure. There is no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.9 miles north of Ramp 27. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 26<sup>th</sup>. This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection areas (least tern colonies) and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.8 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on September 20<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window."

This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: October 4, 2009)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.8 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on September 11, 2009. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: October 2, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.1 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 23rd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located between two RESOURCE protection area (expanded sea turtle nest sites), and therefore does not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the other sea turtle nests are removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- July 20, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 was modified (moved north) for unfledged LETE chicks. (REMOVED: August 18, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 23rd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: September 6, 2009)
- July 15, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded) on the southern boundary for observed unfledged LETE chicks. (REMOVED: August 31, 2009)
- July 4, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary for observed unfledged LETE chicks.
- July 3, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.9 of a mile north of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded) for observed unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 29, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was expanded by 50 meters due to deliberate violations (vandalism of the barricade and fencing).
- June 22, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) immediately adjacent (north) of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded) for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 18, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.9 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 15, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) in front of Ramp 23 was modified (expanded to the west, north and south) for observed LETE breeding behavior and chicks.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 23 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established in front of Ramp 23 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.

- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on northern and southern ends) 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 23 or 2.3 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 8, 2009)
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles north of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 27 for LETE breeding behavior.

### **Hatteras Island District (Ramp 27 South to Hatteras Inlet; 33.4 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: **22.8** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; **10.4** miles open to pedestrians only; 0.7 miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); **0.2** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

#### **Ramp 27 - Ramp 30:** (2.1 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 2.1 miles between Ramp 27 and Ramp 30.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.4 miles north of Ramp 30. This area will be expanded on September 3rd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: Sept. 12, 2009)
- August 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 was modified (expanded on the southern end to ensure 200 meter buffer) for observed unfledged LETE chicks. (REMOVED: August 18, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles south of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 11th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.6 miles south of Ramp 27. This area will be expanded on August 18th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 28, 2009)
- July 20, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) at Ramp 27 was removed which reopens shoreline access for 1.0 mile north and 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.5 miles north of Ramp 30. This nest is within the expected “hatch window” and the buffer will be expanded on July 27th. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 29, 2009)
- July 18 & 16 & 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was modified (adjusted/moved to ensure 200 meter buffer) for observed unfledged AMOY chicks. (REMOVED: September 2, 2009)
- July 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was modified (expanded) for observed unfledged AMOY chicks.

- June 28, 2009: Full beach closures (RESOURCE protection area) on either side of Ramp 27 were expanded by 50 meters due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing).
- June 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on south end) 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on north end, reduced on south end) 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 110 meters south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.
- May 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for an unfledged AMOY chick.
- May 28, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 30 was reduced when a pair of AMOY lost a nest. The original protection area was retained for observed continued breeding behavior.
- May 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- May 21, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 9, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern end of the existing closure located 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 27, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.1 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 24, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established (and then modified (expanded) on April 27, 2009) approximately 0.3 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.0 mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior and unfledged AMOY chicks.
- April 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile south of Ramp 27 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: April 24, 2009)
- April 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.6 of a mile north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 28, 2009: The existing RESOURCE protection area was expanded to the south for observed American oystercatcher (AMOY) breeding behavior.
- March 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.1 miles north of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 30 - Ramp 34:** (4.3 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access south of Ramp 30 to 0.4 of a mile south of Ramp 34 to the Avon Village line.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles south of Ramp 30. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 5th. There is ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.3 miles south of Ramp 30. This area was expanded on August 5<sup>th</sup>. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There is ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.7 miles north of Ramp 34. This area will be expanded on September 1st. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 30, 2009)
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.6 miles south of Ramp 30 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- April 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile north of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)

#### **Ramp 34 - Ramp 38:** (3.9 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open 2.1 miles south of Ramp 34 and 1.4 of mile north of Ramp 38. There is a safety closure in effect immediately north of Avon Pier and extends south for 0.4 miles.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 miles south of Ramp 34. This area will be expanded on August 28th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: September 8, 2009)
- June 8, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 23, 2009)
- May 27, 2009: The Ramp 34 closure was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 16, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) immediately south of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. There is currently no beach access from Ramp 34 for ORVs or pedestrians, however, the parking lot adjacent to Hwy. 12 will remain open for parking.
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern end of the existing closure in front of Ramp 34 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established directly in front of Ramp 34 for observed LETE breeding behavior. Pedestrians will be routed around the backside of the closure for access to the beach.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.3 miles north of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 21st. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: Sept. 11, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 38. This area was expanded on September 12th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. NOTE: This nest is located inside of what was the seasonal



village closure, however there is now ORV access to the village but the nest prohibits ORV traffic until the nest hatches. (REMOVED: October 2, 2009)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 38. This area was expanded on September 9<sup>th</sup>. The nest is within the expected “hatch window.” There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: Sept. 13, 2009)

**Ramp 38 - Ramp 43:** (6.0 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access for 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38. There is pedestrian access from approximately 6.0 miles south of Ramp 38 to Ramp 43.

- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 15<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 24, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.1 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 17<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will not be ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.1 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 28<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: September 4, 2009)
- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 29, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on July 16. There will be a pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected “hatch window.” (REMOVED: August 7, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 11<sup>th</sup>. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 29, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.4 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 9<sup>th</sup>. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 24, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 3.0 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on August 17<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore will not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: Sept. 16, 2009)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 3.2 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore will not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: Sept. 14, 2009)
- June 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.6 miles south of Ramp 38 for unfledged LETE chicks.
- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded on the northern end, reduced on the southern end) 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.7 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for LETE breeding behavior.
- June 3, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- May 20, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 1.4 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed LETE breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 3, 2009)
- May 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the southern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp 38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: June 18, 2009)
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary of the existing closure located 2.7 miles south of Ramp 38, (in an area not open to ORVs) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.9 miles south of Ramp 38 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) on the northern boundary (now 2.3 miles south of Ramp 38), in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 13, 2009)
- April 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.4 miles south of Ramp 38), in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.8 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- April 1, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.9 miles south of Ramp 38, in an area not open to ORVs. (REMOVED on April 17, 2009)
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 2.8 miles long, beginning 1.8 of a mile south of Ramp 38 to .4 of a mile north of Ramp 43, due to very narrow beaches. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.8 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on September 19th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: September 29, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 3.4 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on September 1st. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access

behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: Sept. 13, 2009)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 3.4 miles south of Ramp 38. This area will be expanded on October 4th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.9 miles north of Ramp 43. This area was expanded on September 12th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.7 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on September 2nd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a VILLAGE closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: Sept. 12, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.3 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on August 28th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SWIM BEACH closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: Sept. 13, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 mile north of Ramp 43. This area was expanded on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SWIM BEACH closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: September 17, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 mile north of Ramp 43. This area was expanded on September 12th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: September 18, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.8 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on September 21st. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SWIM BEACH closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: October 9, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.6 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on September 20th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SWIM BEACH closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 43. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 2nd. This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on August 26th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There

will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: September 8, 2009)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles north of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on August 8th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)

**Ramp 43 - Ramp 44:** (0.4 of a mile)

Current Status: The beach is open for 0.4 of a mile for ORV and pedestrian access.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles south of Ramp 43. This area will be expanded on September 21st. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: October 15, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles north of Ramp 44. This area will be expanded on August 16th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- June 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced and adjusted to the south) for unfledged AMOY chicks. The closure adjustment opens 0.1 of a mile to ORV access south of Ramp 43 and pedestrian access (staying out of the marked closure areas) via a pedestrian corridor along the ocean shoreline between Ramp 43 and Ramp 44.
- April 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 43 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

**Ramp 44 - Ramp 45:** (Cape Point: 2.4 miles)

Current Status: **Ramp 44 is temporarily closed for repairs. ORV and pedestrian access to Cape Point is via Ramp 43 or Ramp 45.** The Interdunal Road and Ramp 45 are open to ORV and pedestrian access. Salt Pond Road is closed.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.5 miles east of Salt Pond Road. This area will be expanded on August 20th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore does not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 miles east of Salt Pond Road. This area will be expanded on August 18th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. Once the tern colony is removed, there will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- July 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced) on the east side of Cape Point due to AMOY chicks considered to be fledged but not yet proficient flyers. Approximately 0.9 of a mile of shoreline was opened to pedestrians. No dogs will be allowed inside the pedestrian corridor. (REMOVED: July 29, 2009)
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at the southern tip of Cape Point for LETE and AMOY breeding behavior.
- June 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (reduced to north, expanded to south) at Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.



- June 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) south of Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- June 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at Ramp 44 for unfledged AMOY chicks.
- May 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Ramp 44 due to the presence of piping plover chicks at Cape Point. Ramp 44 is closed to ORV use. (REMOVED: July 8, 2009)
- May 10 & 11, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified, Ramp 44 and 0.4 of a mile of ocean shoreline south of Ramp 44 re-opened for ORV use. The closure was modified (expanded) 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed PIPL and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified (expanded) for observed PIPL breeding behavior.
- April 29, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified a second time this week for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This modification closes Ramp 44 to ORV access.
- April 27, 2009: The Cape Point closure was modified; this modification of 0.1 mile affected the ocean shoreline on the southern boundary of the closure, and the eastern boundary of the prenesting closure was expanded by 30 meters for observed AMOY and PIPL breeding behavior.
- On April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the ocean shoreline in front of Ramp 45 for observed PIPL breeding behavior. Ramp 45 is closed to ORV and pedestrian access just north of the dune line. (REMOVED: July 20, 2009)
- On April 19, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) located 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 was modified (extended) 300 meters to the south for observed AMOY breeding behavior. This closure is now 0.4 of a mile in length and there is no ORV or pedestrian access within the resource protection area.
- On April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 44 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Cape Point that included interior areas of Cape Point and a complete shoreline closure from approximately 0.2 miles south/west of Cape Point to approximately 0.3 east of Ramp 45; and allowed for an access corridor along the eastern ocean shoreline. The total closure distance was approximately 1.0 mile in length. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area. (REMOVED: September 8, 2009)

**Ramp 45 - Ramp 49:** (South Beach: 3.4 miles)

Current Status: Ramp 45 is open. The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian use. **There is through access between Ramp 45 and Ramp 49.**

- August 8, 2009: The South Beach prenesting area was removed and there is ORV access west of Ramp 45 for 1.4 miles. A RESOURCE protection area was left in place 1.4 miles west of Ramp 45 for an unfledged LETE chick. The required 200-meter buffer was established as the South Beach prenesting closure was removed. This closure prevents through access from Ramp 45 to Ramp 49 until the chick is fledged. (REMOVED: August 17, 2009, note: A full beach sea turtle nest site protections area approximately 1.5 miles northeast of Ramp 49 prohibits through access between Ramp 49 and Ramp 45 until the nest hatches.)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.5 miles southwest of Ramp 45. This area will be expanded on August 13. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within a RESOURCE protection area (least tern colony), and therefore will not affect ORV or pedestrian access. The tern colony has been REMOVED (8/17), and there is now ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009) (REMOVED: August 30, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.8 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on September 2nd. The nest is within the expected "hatch



window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (Full beach closure never installed; nest lost to inundation.)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.5 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on August 16th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.6 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on July 18. This is a full beach closure. There will not be ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 10, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 of a mile northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on July 22. There will be ORV and pedestrian access available behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.3 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area was expanded on September 11th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: October 12, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 miles northeast of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (This closure was expanded by 25 meters on the east and west sides due to a deliberate violation on September 3, 2009) (REMOVED: September 22, 2009)
- July 2, 2009: The westernmost boundary of the South Beach pre-nesting area was modified (reduced) as LETE chicks hatch and move within the interior of the closure.
- May 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed GBTE breeding behavior.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) for observed LETE breeding behavior. In addition, 0.2 of a mile of "limited access" within the closure is now closed to all entry for LETE breeding behavior.
- April 28, 2009: The full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) on the western end along the shoreline of the existing South Beach prenesting area was modified (expanded) which further reduces the limited access section along the shoreline to 0.2 of a mile.
- April 13, 2009: A full beach closure was established on the western boundary of the existing South Beach pre-nesting area closure for observed AMOY breeding behavior which precludes ORV corridor access or pedestrian access along the lower beach.
- March 31, 2009: The western boundary of the existing full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was expanded by 50 meters due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing).
- March 23, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established from approximately 0.2 miles to 0.7 miles west of Ramp 45 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.

- March 12, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Beach that included upper beach areas that encompass the dunes and extends towards the ocean but allows for an ORV corridor along the lower beach. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

**Ramp 49 - Ramp 55:** (5.9 miles; includes Sandy Bay soundside parking area)

Current Status: **The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian use north and south of Ramp 49.** There is pedestrian, but not ORV, access from the Frisco village line to 0.1 of a mile east of Ramp 55.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest) is located 1.4 miles south of Frisco Pier. This nest will be expanded on September 27<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual Village closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest) is located approximately 0.4 of a mile southwest of Ramp 49. This area was expanded on July 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 8, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.5 miles southwest of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on September 17<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: October 8, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.0 miles southwest of Ramp 49. This nest will be expanded on August 16<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore will not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.8 miles southwest of Ramp 49. This area will be expanded on August 17<sup>th</sup>. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- May 27, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for unfledged AMOY chicks. (REMOVED: July 21, 2009)
- April 29, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was established (adjusted) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 5, 2009: The Sandy Bay AMOY closure was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- March 13, 2009: A 150 meter buffer was established southwest of the Sandy Bay parking lot for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure for Frisco Village and Hatteras Village is 4.7 miles long. This section is open to pedestrian access, but not ORV access.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.8 miles north of Ramp 55. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest will be expanded on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area,

however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 12, 2009)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.4 miles north of Ramp 55. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 1st. This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.0 miles north of Ramp 55. This area will be expanded on September 18th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: September 19, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 55. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest will be expanded on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 20, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 100 meters north of Ramp 55. This nest will be expanded on October 4th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is located within an annual VILLAGE closure, and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 40 meters north of Ramp 55. This area will be expanded on August 13th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)

**Ramp 55 - Hatteras Inlet:** (Hatteras Inlet Spit: 2.7 miles)

Current Status: ORV and pedestrian access is open along the ocean shoreline from Ramp 55 south/west to Hatteras Inlet. Access to the inlet for ORVs and pedestrians, including the "Rip," is open. ORV access at the inlet may be impassable at high tide. The Pole Road is open to ORV and pedestrians south to the north end of the Isabel overwash area where traffic is routed onto the beach due to a pre-nesting protection area. Cable Crossing and Spur Road (south of the Isabel overwash area) are open.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.6 miles south of Ramp 55. This area will be expanded on September 23rd. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: October 15, 2009)
- June 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) 1.0 mile south of Ramp 55 was modified (expanded) for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 9, 2009)
- June 10, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 1.0 mile south of Ramp 55 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. The closure necessitates the closure of Hatteras Spit south of the Isabel overwash area. (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)

- June 1, 2009: At Hatteras Inlet the original pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) at Hatteras Inlet for AMOY chicks. The closure necessitates the closure of the Spur Road. ORV and pedestrian access is open for 0.8 of a mile along the sound shoreline from Cable Crossing Road to just south of the terminus of the Spur Road. ORV access is tide dependent. (REMOVED: June 23, 2009)
- March 30, 2009: Due to a deliberate violation (vandalism of fencing), the eastern boundary of the Hatteras Inlet pre-nesting area was expanded for a total of 0.1 mile (50 meters east of the easternmost vandalized sign). (REMOVED: July 15, 2009)
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at Hatteras Inlet Spit that included the ocean beach from approximately 0.1 mile south of the southern exit of Pole Road south/west to the inlet, then along the inlet shoreline to the sound shoreline 110 meters south of the Spur Road. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.
- March 11, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established on the soundside at the Isabel overwash area that included portions of the Pole Road adjacent to the overwash fans. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area. Ocean shoreline access is open past this area.

### **Ocracoke Island District (18.9 miles of ocean shoreline)**

Mileage Summary: **9.3** miles open to ORVs and pedestrians; **7.9** miles open to pedestrians only; **0.6** miles of “limited access” (open to pedestrians between closures); **1.1** miles closed to public access due to resource closures.

#### **Hatteras Inlet (North Ocracoke Spit) to Ramp 59:** (1.4 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV and pedestrian access for 0.3 of a mile north of Ramp 59.

- July 26, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.3 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- July 13, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed LETE breeding behavior.
- June 2, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.4 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 8, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established and modified (expanded) on May 13, 2009, approximately 0.4 of a mile northeast of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY and LETE breeding behavior.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at North Ocracoke Spit that included interior areas and the inlet shoreline and portions of the ocean shoreline. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

#### **Ramp 59 - Ramp 67:** (7.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV access for 1.0 mile south of Ramp 59 and 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian, but not ORV access, from Ramp 59 to Ramp 67.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.3 miles south of Ramp 59. This area will be expanded on October 6th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 59. This nest is within the expected “hatch window” and the buffer was expanded on September 5. This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure. There

will be pedestrian access behind the nest outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: Sept. 13, 2009)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.5 miles south of Ramp 59. This nest is within the expected "hatch window and the buffer will be expanded on July 26th. This is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 2.5 miles south of Ramp 59. This area was expanded on August 28th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: Sept. 11, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 5.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 15th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 22, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 4.5 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 27th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: September 6, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 4.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 15th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 22, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.9 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 14th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 22, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on July 18. This is a full beach closure. There will not be ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 5, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This area was expanded on July 13. This area is within a SAFETY closure and therefore does not affect ORV access. There is pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 5, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.1 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on August 22nd. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)



- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 miles north of Ramp 67. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 25th. This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: August 14, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.7 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on September 17th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: October 7, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.6 miles north of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on September 28th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- June 17, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.5 mile north of Ramp 59 for LETE chicks.
- May 7, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 2.6 miles southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)
- April 29, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) by 0.2 of a mile on the southwestern end of the existing closure located 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: May 7, 2009)
- April 19, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 3 miles southwest of Ramp 59, in an area not open to ORVs, for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED May 4, 2009)
- April 14, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.7 of a mile southwest of Ramp 59 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- An ORV SAFETY closure is 5.2 miles long, and begins 1.0 miles south of Ramp 59 to 1.4 miles north of Ramp 67. This section is open to pedestrian access but not to ORV access.

**Ramp 67 - Ramp 70 (includes Ramp 68):** (3.9 miles; includes Ramp 68)

Current Status: The beach is open for ORV access for 0.6 of a mile south of Ramp 67 and 0.7 of a mile north of Ramp 70. There is no through ORV access between these two ramps. There is pedestrian access from Ramp 67 and Ramp 70.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 miles south of Ramp 67. This area will be expanded on September 5th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: Sept. 13, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.3 miles north of Ramp 68. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This nest is within an annual SAFETY closure, and therefore will not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: Sept. 15, 2009)

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 miles south of Ramp 68. This area will be expanded on October 5th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- May 11, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) approximately 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior. (REMOVED: July 2, 2009)
- May 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded & reduced), expanded by 0.1 of a mile on the northeast end of the existing closure and reduced by 0.3 of a mile on the southwestern end, located 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- April 15, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established approximately 0.8 of a mile southwest of Ramp 68 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.7 miles north of Ramp 70. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 1st. This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 23, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.5 miles north of Ramp 70. This area was expanded on August 27th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians. (REMOVED: Sept. 10, 2009)
- April 22, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (extended) approximately 1.3 miles north of Ramp 70 for observed AMOY breeding behavior.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.2 miles north of Ramp 70. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 28th. This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 21, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.0 miles north of Ramp 70. This area will be expanded on September 20th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.9 miles north of Ramp 70. This area was expanded on August 19th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: September 1, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.4 miles north of Ramp 70. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This area will be expanded on August 3rd. This is within a PEDESTRIAN ONLY area and therefore does not affect ORV access. There will be pedestrian access behind (west) of the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: September 1, 2009)

**Ramp 70 - Ramp 72:** (1.8 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access.

- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 miles north of Ramp 72. This area will be expanded on October 6th. This nest is within the expected "hatch window." This is a full beach closure. There will be no ORV access available behind the nest closure because of the location of the nest against the toe of the dune. There will be pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area, however, due to vegetation and dune topography, bypassing behind this closure may be difficult for pedestrians.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 70. This area will be expanded on July 18. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." (REMOVED: August 20, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.2 miles north of Ramp 72. This area will be expanded on August 22nd. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 0.1 miles north of Ramp 72. This nest is within the expected "hatch window" and the buffer will be expanded on July 24th. There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: August 27, 2009)

**Ramp 72 to South Point:** (3.5 miles)

Current Status: The beach is open to ORV and pedestrian access on the ocean shoreline and the inlet south of Ramp 72.

- August 9, 2009: The South Point prenesting area has been removed and there is ORV access for approximately 1.9 miles south of Ramp 72 to the inlet. The wintering protection area has been installed, based on last year's monitoring of the area. It includes a 30-meter wide ORV corridor to the north side of the wintering protection area for access to the soundside. There is ORV access to the inlet for approximately 0.8 of a mile. From that point, pedestrian access is allowed to the soundside.
- July 3, 2009: The South Point closure south of Ramp 72 was modified (reduced) which opens 0.5 of a mile of ocean shoreline for ORV access and a pedestrian only corridor extends south for another 0.4 of a mile. (See June 12 entry below for further.)
- June 30, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) at South Point for unfledged AMOY chicks. Approximately 0.7 of a mile of "limited access" shoreline at the inlet is closed to public entry. "No landing" signs have been posted. (This expansion was REMOVED: July 10, 2009/PIPL chicks fledged; opens approx. 0.7 of a mile of "limited access" shoreline on Ocracoke Inlet.)
- June 18, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 1.1 miles south of Ramp 72 for unfledged LETE chicks. This modification closes almost all of the "limited access" area on the east side of South Point.
- A RESOURCE protection area (sea turtle nest site) is located approximately 1.6 miles south of Ramp 72. This area will be expanded on August 20th. The nest is within the expected "hatch window." There will be ORV and pedestrian access behind the nest closure outside of the signed protection area. (REMOVED: September 1, 2009)
- June 12, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.2 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for unfledged Piping Plover chicks. (This expansion was REMOVED and then modified on: July 10 & July 13, 2009/PIPL chicks fledged and LETE nests/chicks; opens ORV and pedestrian access 0.8 of a mile south of Ramp 72)
- June 4, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was modified (expanded) 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.

- May 25, 2009: A full beach closure (RESOURCE protection area) was established 0.9 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for BLSK breeding behavior.
- May 25, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.3 of a mile south of Ramp 72 for observed BLSK and LETE breeding behavior.
- May 10, 2009: The pre-nesting area was modified (expanded) 1.0 mile south of Ramp 72 for observed least tern breeding behavior.
- March 24, 2009: The pre-nesting area was expanded by 50 meters at two locations at the inlet due to deliberate violations (vandalism of fencing). One of the expansions precludes ORV access to the inlet shoreline. Pedestrian access is permitted below the tide line to portions of the inlet shoreline outside of the established pre-nesting area.
- March 10, 2009: A pre-nesting area (RESOURCE protection area) was established at South Point Ocracoke that included the sound shoreline, portions of the inlet shoreline, and interior portions of the spit; and allowed an access corridor along the ocean shoreline to the inlet. There is no ORV or pedestrian access within the RESOURCE protection area.

Temporary resource protection areas are necessary to protect threatened and endangered species and species of concern including piping plovers, American oystercatchers, colonial waterbirds (3 species of terns and black skimmers), and sea turtles. Posted areas are closed to vehicles, pedestrians, and pets.

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**2008 Deliberate Violations of Resource Protection Areas**

<b>Date of Incident</b>	<b>Date of PR</b>	<b>Location</b>
Saturday, May 10	Sunday, May 11	South Beach – 1.7 mi. E of R49
Friday, May 16	Sunday, May 18	.8 mi north of Buxton
Sat, June 21 – Sun., June 22	Wed., June 25	Bodie Island Spit
Sat., July 26	Mon, July 28	Least tern colony north of R27
??? no documentation		
Wed, July 30	Thurs., July 31	Least tern colony 1.8 south R23

**2009 Deliberate Violations of Resource Protection Areas**

<b>Date of Incident</b>	<b>Date of PR</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sat/Sun, March 21/22????	Tues., March 24	South Point – 1.9 mi. S of R72
Saturday, March 28	Tues., March 31	Hatteras Inlet – southern Pole Rd
Saturday, March 28	Tues., March 31	South Beach – 1.4 mi. E of R45
Saturday, June 27	Mon., June 29	R-23 – Ramp itself & area directly in front of the ramp
Saturday, June 27	Mon., June 29	R-27 – 1 mile north and 1 mile south of the ramp
Saturday, July 25	NO PR issued	<b>TURTLE</b> 1.2 mi S Rodanthe Pier (Waves)
Monday, August 17	NO PR issued	R23 – ramp barricades moved
Tuesday, August 18	Tues., Aug 18	R23 - repeat
Tuesday, August 18	Tues., Aug 18	R23 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> violation
Wed., August 19	Fri., Aug 21	R23 – 4 <sup>th</sup> violation
Thurs., Sept. 3	Fri., Sept. 4	<b>TURTLE</b> north R49