

CHAPTER 9 - PARKS AND RECREATION

DARE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Lions Club Center, Westcott Park, Manteo	Mail: P.O. Box 1000, Manteo 27954
Tim White, Public Service Director	475-5916
Youth Center & Family Recreation Park 602 S. Mustian St., KDH 27948 475-5920	Charlotte Midgett, Division Coordinator
Fessenden Center, 46830 Hwy. 12, Buxton P.O. Box 859, Buxton 27920 475-5650	Jaki Gray, Division Coordinator
Lions Club Center, Westcott Park 1000 Westcott Park Rd., Manteo Mail: P.O. Box 1000, Manteo 27954 475-5910	Spencer Gregory, Division Coordinator
The department offers classes in swimming, tennis, drama, music, theater, gymnastics, arts, crafts, wrestling, karate; organizes youth/adult sports teams; helps sponsor an annual triathlon and other special activities. Tennis courts, soccer, baseball and softball fields are provided for Dare Co. residents. An appointed Recreation Advisory Council oversees the department.	

NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE REFUGES

Cape Hatteras Group Headquarters for National Parks, adjacent to Ft. Raleigh NHS Mail: 1401 National Park Dr., Manteo 27954	473-2111 Websites: www.nps.gov/caha , www.nps.gov/wrbr , www.nps.gov/fora
Mike Murray, Superintendent	Has administrative responsibility for the following sites which are open 7 days a week
*Ft. Raleigh National Historic Site, Roanoke Island	473-5772 No charge
*Cape Hatteras National Seashore, Hatteras Island	995-4474 No charge except to climb the lighthouse when open
*Wright Brothers National Memorial, Kill Devil Hills	441-7430 Entrance fee
*Bodie Island Visitor Center	441-5711 No charge
*Ocracoke Island Visitor Center	928-4531 No charge
+Whalebone Information Center, US 158 and NC 12	441-6644 No charge
*Hours: 9AM-5PM, extended to 6PM Memorial Day to Labor Day	+Hours vary with time of year

National Wildlife Refuges P.O. Box 1969, Manteo 27954	Operated by US Fish & Wildlife Service
Mike Bryant, Refuge Manager	Has administrative responsibility for:
Alligator River NWR, Dare Co. mainland	473-1131 Website: www.fws.gov/alligatorriver Refuge open daily during daylight hours No charge

Pea Island NWR, South of Oregon Inlet	987-2394 Website: www.fws.gov/peaisland Open year round, no charge Visitor Center: 9AM-4PM daily
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STATE PARKS AND PROPERTIES

Jockey's Ridge State Park Carolista Dr. off Hwy. 158, MP 12, Nags Head Mail: P.O. Box 592, Nags Head 27959	441-7132 Website: www.jockeysridgestatepark.com
Debo Cox, Superintendent	Hours vary with time of year, no charge Open 7 days a week except Dec. 25
Park has limited handicap access. Programs focus on wind and sand, weather patterns, indigenous wildlife, and local history. Call for information on current programs.	

Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum 59200 Museum Dr., Hatteras 27943	986-2996 Fax 986-1212 Website: www.graveyardoftheatlantic.com
Joseph Schwarzer, Executive Director	Mon.-Fri. 10AM-4PM
Exhibits showcase the maritime history and shipwrecks of the Outer Banks.	

NC Aquarium, 374 Airport Rd., Manteo Mail: P.O. Box 967, Manteo 27954	473-3494 or 866-332-3475 Fax 473-1980 Website: www.ncaquariums.com
Vacant, Director	Hours: 9AM-5PM 7 days a week Admission charge
This state facility includes a deep ocean tank with sharks, a wetlands area with river otters, alligators, and turtles and a museum store. It has educational programs for all ages.	

NC Maritime Museum on Roanoke Island 104 Fernando St., Manteo Mail: P.O. Box 907, Manteo 27954	475-1750 Website: www.obxmaritime.org
Robert Putnam, Curator & Museum Manager	Open year round. Hours vary with time of year.
Museum	Boathouse, waterfront, Roanoke Marshes Lighthouse, and Manteo Weathertower.
Programs	Traditional maritime skills, youth learn-to-sail program, and boat building

Roanoke Island Festival Park One Festival Park, Manteo 27954	475-1500 Event line: 475-1506 Website: www.roanokeisland.com
Kim Sawyer, Acting Executive Director	Open mid-Feb.-Dec. 31, 9AM-5PM daily except some holidays Admission fee
The mission of Roanoke Island Festival Park is to involve residents and visitors of all ages in creative and stimulating exploration of Roanoke Island's historical, cultural, and natural resources; includes Adventure Museum, films, performances, gallery, Museum Store.	

OTHER PARK SITES

Elizabethan Gardens Ft. Raleigh north of Manteo 1411 National Park Dr., Manteo 27954	473-3234 Fax 473-3244 info@elizabethangardens.org Website: www.elizabethangardens.org
Horace Whitfield, Executive Director	Open 7 days a week except Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Day, New Years Day. Hours vary with the season.

Guided tours by appointment; memberships available	Admission fee
The gardens are operated under the auspices of the Garden Club of NC, a non-profit organization supported by admission fees, donations, gift shop and plant sales.	

Nags Head Woods Ecological Preserve The NC Nature Conservancy 701 W. Ocean Acres Dr., KDH 27948	441-2525 Website: www.nature.org/nc
Aaron McCall, NE Regional Steward Jennifer Gilbreath, Office Manager	Trails open dawn to dusk; trail maps and other information available at the outdoor information counter.

NC Coastal Reserve, 983 Kitty Hawk Rd., Kitty Hawk 27949	261-8891 Fax 261-8892 Website: www.nccoastalreserve.net
Contact sites managers	Hours: 9AM-5PM weekdays
Responsible for management of 3 coastal reserves on the northern Outer Banks: Currituck Banks, a national site, NC 12 north of Corolla; Kitty Hawk Woods, a state site, on Woods Road in Kitty Hawk; and Buxton Woods, a state site, on NC 12 in Buxton. State nature reserves are maintained for research, education and traditional use.	