

# 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 Dir.	475-5916
Youth Center & Family Recreation Park 602 S. Mustian St., KDH 27948 475-5920	Charlotte Midgett, Division Coordinator
Fessenden Center, 46830 NC Hwy. 12, Buxton Mail: P.O. Box 859, Buxton 27920 475-5650	Denise Norville, Division Coordinator
Lions Club Center, Westcott Park, 1000 Westcott Park Rd., Manteo P.O. Box 1000, Manteo 27954 475-5910	Spencer Gregory, Division Coordinator
<p>The department offers classes in swimming, tennis, drama, music, theater, gymnastics, arts, crafts, wrestling, karate; organizes youth/adult sports teams; helps sponsor an annual marathon 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.</p>	

Dare County Center 950 Marshall C. Collins Dr., Manteo Mail: P.O. Box 1000, Manteo 27954	475-9270 Fax 475-9278
Sandy Scarborough, Director 475-5625	8:30AM-5PM Mon.-Fri. Fitness center: 7AM-7PM Mon.-Thurs. 7AM-5PM. Fri.
Patricia Gale Nutrition Site Coordinator	475-9279
<p>The Dare County Center is a multi-generational facility that provides resources, programs and activities for Dare Co. citizens of all ages including arts and crafts, exercise classes, cooking classes, theater productions, health and wellness programs, health fairs, family fun nights, estate planning, technology classes, tax assistance, and Medicare assistance. Nutritionally balanced meals are served five-days a week in a congregate setting or delivered to the home.</p>	

## NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE REFUGES

Headquarters for National Park on the Outer Banks, located on the grounds of Fort Raleigh NHS Mail: Outer Banks Group, 1401 National Park Dr., Manteo 27954	473-2111 Websites: <a href="http://www.nps.gov/caha">www.nps.gov/caha</a> <a href="http://www.nps.gov/wrbr">www.nps.gov/wrbr</a> <a href="http://www.nps.gov/fora">www.nps.gov/fora</a>
David Hallac, Superintendent	Has administrative responsibility for the following sites which are open 7 days a week
Cape Hatteras National Seashore, Bodie Island Visitor Center	475-9501 No charge except to climb the lighthouse when open
Cape Hatteras National Seashore, Hatteras Island Visitor Center	475-9602 No charge except to climb the lighthouse when open
Cape Hatteras National Seashore, Ocracoke Island Visitor Center	475-9701 No charge
Ft. Raleigh National Historic Site, Roanoke Island	475-9001 No charge
Wright Brothers National Memorial, Kill Devil Hills	475-9401 Entrance fee
View park websites for current hours	
National Wildlife Refuges Visitor Center 100 Conservation Way, Manteo Mail: P.O. Box 1969, Manteo 27954	Operated by US Fish & Wildlife Service. 473-1131 Website: <a href="http://www.fws.gov/ncgatewayvc">www.fws.gov/ncgatewayvc</a> Mon. through Sat. 9 AM to 4 PM Sun. Noon to 4 PM
Mike Bryant, Refuge Manager	Has administrative responsibility for:
Alligator River NWR, Dare Co. mainland	473-1132 Website: <a href="http://www.fws.gov/refuge/alligator_river">www.fws.gov/refuge/alligator_river</a> Refuge open daily during daylight hours No charge
Pea Island NWR, South of Oregon Inlet	987-2394 Website: <a href="http://www.fws.gov/refuge/pea_island">www.fws.gov/refuge/pea_island</a> Open year round, no charge Visitor Center: 9AM-4PM daily

## STATE PARKS AND PROPERTIES

Jockey's Ridge State Park Carolista Dr. off Hwy 158, NH Mail: P.O. Box 592, Nags Head 27959	252-441-7132 Website: <a href="http://www.ncparks.gov">www.ncparks.gov</a>
Joy Greenwood 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	986-2995, 986 -2996 Fax 986-1212 Website: <a href="http://www.graveyardoftheatlantic.com">www.graveyardoftheatlantic.com</a>
Joseph Schwarzer, Executive Director	In Season: Mon.-Sat. 10:00AM-5:00PM Off Season: Mon.-Sat. 10:00AM-4:00PM
Exhibits showcase the maritime history and shipwrecks of the Outer Banks.	

NC Aquarium on Roanoke Island, 374 Airport Rd., Manteo Mail: P.O. Box 967, Manteo 27954	475-2300 or 800-832-3474 Fax 473-1980 Website: <a href="http://www.ncaquariums.com">www.ncaquariums.com</a>
Maylon White, Director	Hours: 9AM-5PM, daily admission charge
Come see aquatic life of the Outer Banks. Experience close encounter with fishes, rays, otters, snakes and the largest collection of sharks in the state. Dive shows, animal feedings daily, behind-the-scenes tours, STAR Center and more. Consider hosting your next special event or birthday party at the Aquarium.	

Jennette's Pier at Nags Head 7223 S. Virginia Dare Tr., NH Mail: P.O. Box 1445, Nags Head 27959	255-1501 Website: <a href="http://www.jennettespier.net">www.jennettespier.net</a> May to Aug.: 5 AM to midnight Sept to April hours vary seasonally
Mike Remige, Director	Daily Fishing Fee: \$12 adult, \$6 child (under 13) Sightseeing Fee: \$2 adult, \$1 child (under 13)
One-of-a-kind educational fishing pier operated by the NC Aquarium.	

Features a modern classroom with daily programming, alternative energy demos, live animal exhibits, meeting and reception facilities, tackle shop with rod rentals, on-site ocean energy projects, and other unique displays.

Roanoke Island Festival Park One Festival Park, Manteo 27954	475-1500 Event line: 475-1506 Website: <a href="http://www.roanokeisland.com">www.roanokeisland.com</a>
Kim Sawyer, Executive Director	Open -Feb 29 - 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.	

## OTHER PARK SITES

Elizabethan Gardens Ft. Raleigh north of Manteo 1411 National Park Dr., Manteo 27954	473-3234 Fax 473-3244 <a href="mailto:info@elizabethangardens.org">info@elizabethangardens.org</a> Website: <a href="http://www.elizabethangardens.org">www.elizabethangardens.org</a>
Carl Curnutte, Executive Director	Open 7 days a week except Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Day, New Years Eve and Day. Closed the month of February. Hours vary with the season.
Guided tours by appointment, special events and workshops	Admission fee Memberships available
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 Nature Conservancy of NC 701 W. Ocean Acres Dr., KDH 27948	441-2525 Website: <a href="http://www.nature.org/nhw">www.nature.org/nhw</a>
Aaron McCall, NE Regional Steward Kate Murray, Conservation Coordinator Dr. Christine Pickens, Coastal Restoration & Adaptation Specialist	Trails open dawn to dusk every day. Trail maps and other information available at the outdoor information counter.

NC Coastal Reserve 983 W. Kitty Hawk Rd. Kitty Hawk 27949	261-8891 Fax 261-8892 Website: <a href="http://www.nccoastalreserve.net">www.nccoastalreserve.net</a>
Contact Northern Sites Manager	Hours: 8AM-5PM weekdays ; call in advance as schedule can vary
Responsible for management of 3 coastal reserves in 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. These nature reserves are maintained for research, education and traditional use.	