

Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Permit

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Cape Hatteras National Seashore

PERMITTEE INFORMATION		AGREEMENT	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY:
Last Name:		<p>I agree to comply with all regulations and conditions stated on this document.</p> <p>I am responsible for, and agree to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanently affix the proof of permit to the inside of the registered vehicle's windshield. The weekly or annual window sticker is the visible "proof of permit" that must be affixed to the vehicle as described. • This permit form must be with the vehicle at all times in order for my permit to be valid. • The permit and proof of permit are non-transferable to another vehicle. • If/when the vehicle is sold or involved in an accident, it is my responsibility to produce the original proof of permit, or partial parts of the original proof of permit, to determine its complete number and expiration. • Without the original permit and proof of permit. I will not be issued a replacement. • Permits will not be replaced if lost or stolen. • I am responsible for any violations of any regulation that may result in a fine and/or loss of my permit. Annual permits are only valid for the year they are purchased. • Weekly permits are valid for the date of purchase and the next six consecutive days. • Permits and proof of permits are non-refundable and are the property of the United States Government. • I understand that designated ORV routes and ramps are subject to temporary closures to protect park resources, provide for visitor safety, or comply with established ORV carrying capacity requirements. 	Permit type: <input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly
First Name:			Permit Number:
Middle Initial:			Date of Expiration:
Address:			Employee Initials:
City:			Permit Office:
State:			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pay.gov <input type="checkbox"/> Bodie Island
Zip:			<input type="checkbox"/> Hatteras Island <input type="checkbox"/> Ocracoke Island
Driver License ID Number:	State:		<p>IMPORTANT</p> <p>PERMANENTLY AFFIX PROOF OF PERMIT ON THE INSIDE OF WINDSHIELD LOWER DRIVER SIDE ONLY</p> 
Phone Number:			
VEHICLE INFORMATION			
Registered Owner:			
Year:	Printed Name:	AFFIX PROOF OF PERMIT IMMEDIATELY AFTER PURCHASE	
Make:	Signature:		
Model:	Date:		
Color:	<p style="text-align: center;">NOTICES</p> <p>Privacy Act Statement: The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) provides that you be furnished with the following information in connection with information required by this application. This information is being collected to allow the park manager to issue an Off-Road Vehicle Permit. Information from the application may be transferred to appropriate Federal, State, local agencies, when relevant to civil, criminal or regulatory investigations or prosecutions.</p> <p>Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501) to allow the park manager to issue an Off-Road Vehicle Permit. All applicable parts of the form must be completed. A Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.</p> <p>Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 15 minutes per response including the time it takes to read, gather and maintain data, review instructions and complete the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspects of this form to the National Park Service, Special Park Uses Program Manager, 1849 C Street NW (2460), Washington, D.C. 20240</p>		
License Plate Number:	State:		

Traffic and Safety

- Pedestrians ALWAYS have the right-of-way! Slow to 5 mph when driving within 100 feet of a pedestrian anywhere on the beach. Watch for children and pets that may dart from between parked vehicles into traffic.
- Driving or parking on vegetation is prohibited.
- The speed limit on park beaches is 15 mph, unless otherwise posted.
- When parked on the beach, leave room for two-way traffic to pass safely. Park along the shoreline in a single row of vehicles no more than one vehicle deep.
- Any law applicable to vehicle use on paved roads in the State of North Carolina also applies to ORV use at the Seashore. A current driver's license, valid vehicle registration, insurance, and license plates are required for all vehicles.
- The off road operation of a motorcycle, all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and utility vehicle (UTV) is prohibited.
- Open containers of any type of alcoholic beverage are prohibited in vehicles.
- Public consumption of spirituous liquors or fortified wines is prohibited.
- Reckless driving, such as cutting circles or defacing the beach is prohibited.
- The use of seat belts is required. All passengers in the vehicle must be seated, including any passengers riding in the bed of a truck. Children in the truck bed must be accompanied by an adult.
- To report emergencies call 911.
- To report violations or hazards call:
Bodie Island and Hatteras Island
252-473-3444 Ocracoke Island
252-926-3171.

Protection of Park Resources

- Drive only on officially designated and marked ORV routes and observe posted closures. Violations can result in a fine of up to \$5,000, imprisonment of up to 6 months, and/or loss of your ORV permit.
- During the sea turtle nesting season, from May 1 to November 15, vehicles are prohibited on Seashore beaches from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. This reduces disturbance to nesting female turtles and protects emerging hatchlings. Some portions of ORV routes may re-open to night driving after September 15 if there are no turtle nests in the area. From November 16 to April 30, vehicles are allowed on designated ORV routes 24-hours a day.
- Pets must be on a 6-foot leash at all times. Pets are prohibited within any resource protection closure or on the beach adjacent to prenesting closures.
- Beach fires require a free permit which can be obtained from any campground kiosk, ORV permit office, or visitor center, during normal operating hours.
- Remove all trash or litter from the beach including bait, fish parts, or dead fish. Trash attracts predators. Feeding wildlife (including gulls) is strictly prohibited.
- Kite flying, kite boards, and ball and Frisbee tossing are prohibited within or above the air space of any bird closure. Kites and Frisbees scare birds off their nests leaving eggs and chicks exposed to predators and deadly heat.
- Return all fish that are not being kept for personal consumption back to the water alive, including skates and sharks.
- Fireworks, metal detectors, and jet skis or other motorized personal watercraft are prohibited.
- Camping on the beach is not permitted. Camp only in designated campgrounds.
- Do not dump waste water or grey water on the beach. The park provides three dump stations located near Oregon Inlet, Cape Point, or Ocracoke Campgrounds for this purpose.
- Avoid driving or parking on the wrack line. The wrack line is a line of stranded natural debris on the beach left by a previous high tide that can be an important food source for shore birds.

Beach Driving Tips

- Use only a four-wheel drive vehicle to drive on the beach. Two-wheel drive vehicles are allowed, but are very likely to get stuck in the soft sands of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.
- Lower the pressure on all tires and drive at a slow, steady speed. Generally, drive with no more than 20 lbs. of pressure in each tire; however, the softer the sand, the lower the pressure is needed. When you return to the paved road, re-inflate tires to normal pressure as soon as possible.
- Check the weather forecast and tide table chart before starting your trip. Pay attention to incoming tides. ORV routes may be impassible during periods of high tide.
- Before driving through any water, determine the depth and firmness of the underlying surface. Salt water is highly corrosive. It is recommended that you wash the vehicle after each outing including both the sheet metal and the undercarriage.
- Required equipment includes a shovel, low-pressure tire gauge, jack, and jack support board.
- Recommended equipment includes a tow strap, first aid kit, full-sized spare tire, trash bags, fire extinguisher, and if you are night driving, a flashlight.
- Park Rangers may assist you, but they are not permitted to pull or tow other vehicles. Commercial towing services are available.
- Refill holes and remove any boards or other aids after being stuck, leaving the beach passable for others.