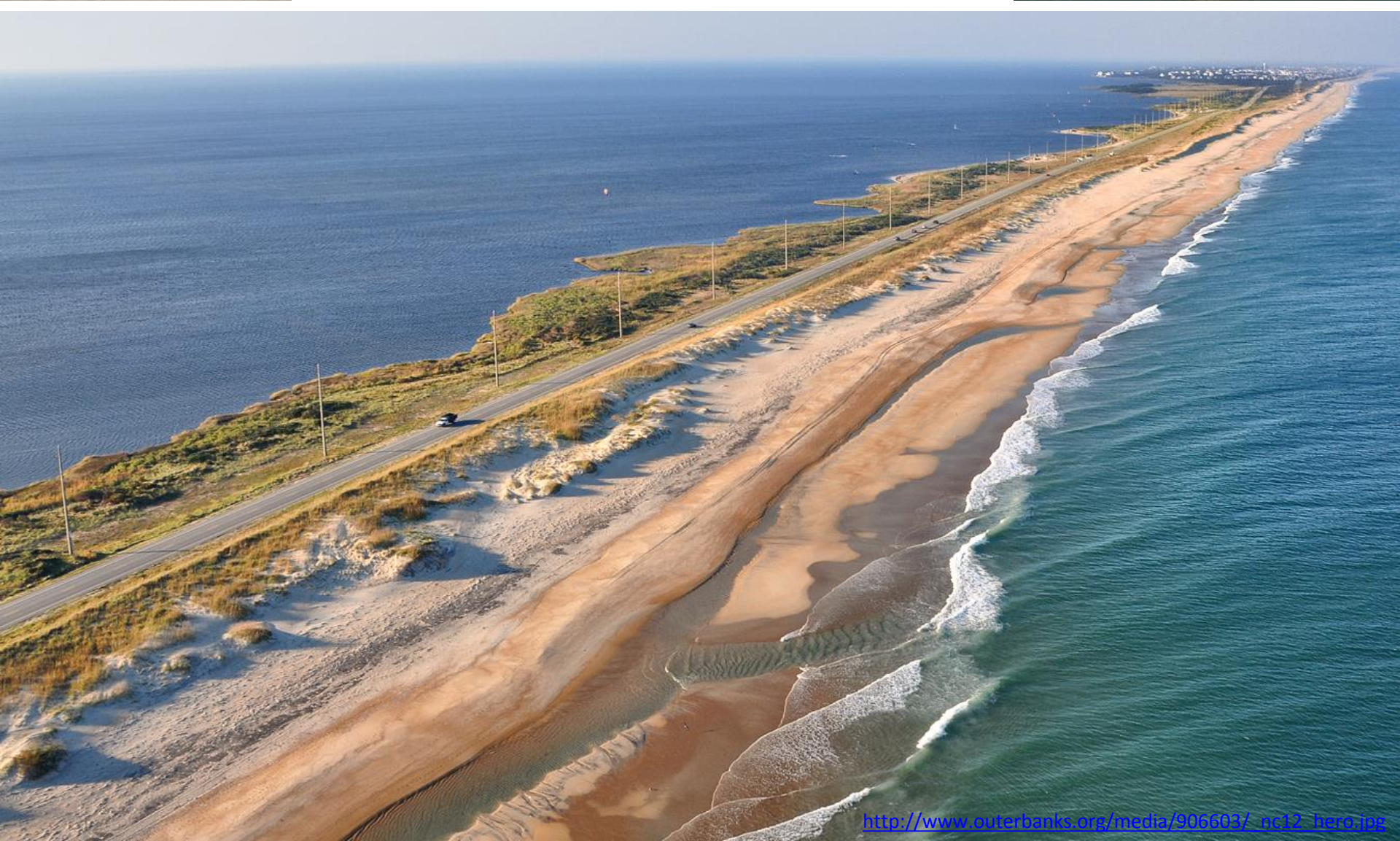




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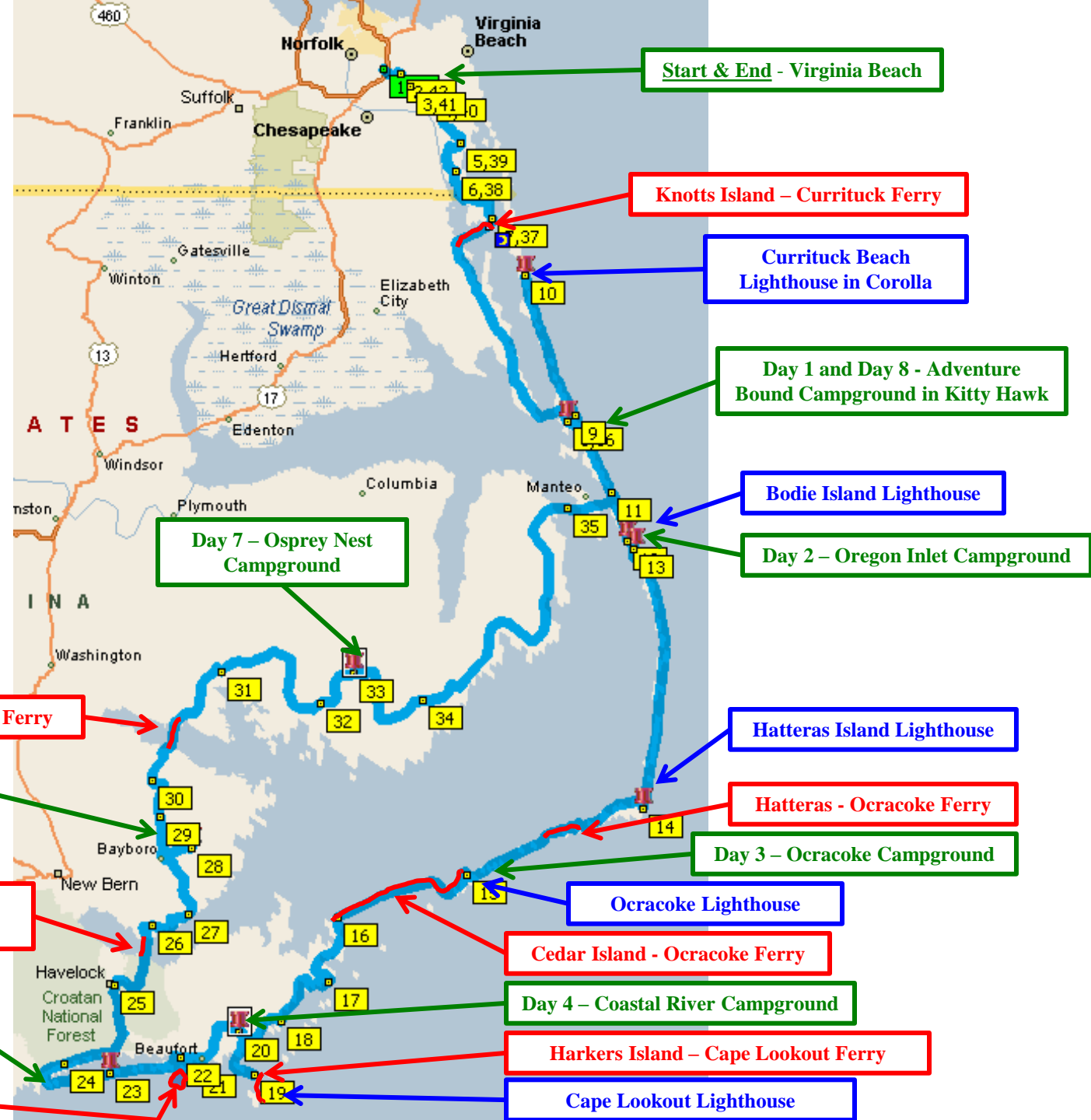
Friday, May 9 – Saturday, May 17



2014 Outer Banks Tour

Friday, May 9 –
Saturday, May 17

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Outer Banks, NC

Join us in cycling the scenic Outer Banks! We will take 7 ferries and visit 5 lighthouses as we cycle along North Carolina's beautiful beaches. There are several options for the trip:

- Join us in cycling from Virginia Beach to Kitty Hawk on Day 1 (Friday, May 9)
- Meet us on Friday evening, May 9, in Kitty Hawk and join us at the Adventure Bound Camp
- Meet us Saturday morning, May 10 (Day 2), at a restaurant (to be chosen later) for breakfast
- Pick any other plan that works well for you.
- See the chart below for details (also available as a spreadsheet)

Outer Banks: May 9-17, 2014

Trip Day	Day of Week	Date	Starting Location	Ending Location	Miles	Ferries	Lighthouses	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Shower?	Laundry?
1	Fri	9-May	Virginia Beach	Adventure Bound Campground	79.9	<i>Knotts Island - Currituck Ferry</i> (free, 45 minutes)		Home	Currituck BBQ Company	Restaurant in Kitty Hawk	Hot	No
2	Sat	10-May	Adventure Bound Campground	Oregon Inlet Campground	72.7		Currituck Beach Lighthouse Bodie Island Lighthouse	Stack'em High Pancakes	Sooe's BBQ in Corolla, NC	Restaurant 10.4 miles before camp (Sam & Omie's)	Cold	No
3	Sun	11-May	Oregon Inlet Campground	Ocracoke Campground	72.0	<i>Hatteras-Ocracoke Island Ferry</i> (free, 55 minutes)	Cape Hatteras Lighthouse	Cook in camp	Diamond Shoals Restaurant in Buxton, NC	Restaurant on Ocracoke Island	Cold	No
4	Mon	12-May	Ocracoke Campground	Coastal River Campground (no camp store)	56.7	<i>Cedar Island-Ocracoke Ferry</i> (\$3/bike, 2 hr, 15 min) <i>Harkers Island-Cape Lookout Ferry</i> (\$15, about 1 hour: 15 min each way + 30 min to visit the lighthouse)	Ocracoke Lighthouse Cape Lookout Lighthouse	Breakfast sandwiches at Ocracoke Station (opens 6am) Need to catch 7:30am ferry 6 miles from camp.	Nelson Bay Café in Sealevel, NC	Eat in restaurant on Harkers Island 7 miles before camp	Hot	Yes
5	Tue	13-May	Coastal River Campground	Holiday Travel Park 9102 Coast Guard Rd, Emerald Isle, NC (252) 354-2250	43.7	<i>Island Ferry Adventure</i> (waterfront tour or drop off/pick up at nearby islands) (\$15, about 2 hours)		Cycle 10.9 miles to Beaufort Café (on corner where you turn R to stay on 70)	4 Corners Diner in Atlantic Beach, NC (or other restaurant)	Restaurant - several choices near Holiday Travel Park	Hot	Yes
6	Wed	14-May	Holiday Travel Park in Emerald Isle	Rivers Edge Family Campground	72.9	<i>Cherry Branch - Minnesott Beach Ferry</i> (free, 20 min)		Mike's Place in Emerald Isle, NC	Toucan Grill & Fresh Bar, Oriental, NC	Restaurant in Bayboro before camp (Charley's or Mayo - both familv stlv)	Hot	Yes
7	Thu	15-May	Rivers Edge Family Campground	Osprey Nest Campground	75.3	<i>Bayview-Aurora Ferry</i> (free, 30 min)		Charley's Restaurant in Bayboro. Opens 6am.	Fish Hooks Café or Farm Boys in Bellhaven, NC. Food Lion grocery.	Harris Steak and Seafood 3.3 miles from camp (good seafood).	Hot	Yes
8	Fri	16-May	Osprey Nest Campground	Adventure Bound Campground	87.8			Cook in camp and Fairfield Gas Barn (3 miles) sells breakfast sandwiches and such.	Pack lunch	Restaurant in Manteo or Nags Head	Hot	No
9	Sat	17-May	Adventure Bound Campground	Virginia Beach	84.3	<i>Knotts Island - Currituck Ferry</i> (free, 45 minutes)		Stack'em High Pancakes	Frog Island Seafood	Home	NA	NA
Total:					645.3							

Outer Banks, NC – We will cross many bridges on our journey



Bonner Bridge over Oregon Inlet (2.5 mi) – Day 3



Wright Memorial Bridge (3 mi) – Days 1 & 9



**Virginia Dare Memorial Bridge (5.2 mi) -
bike-friendly with bicycle overlook at
highest point – Day 8**



**Washington Baum Bridge
(1.05 mi, 82 ft high, 4% grade)
Day 8 (Manteo to Hatteras)**

**Outer Banks, NC
- More bridges!**



Atlantic Beach – Morehead City Bridge (bike friendly design, 0.75 mi) – Day 5



Emerald Isle Bridge (B. Cameron Langston Bridge) - (0.9 mi long, 65 ft high) – Day 6



Beaufort – Morehead City Bridge – Day 5

Outer Banks, NC – we will visit 5 lighthouses

Reference: <http://www.lighthousefriends.com>



**Currituck Beach
Lighthouse**



**Bodie Island
Lighthouse**



**Hatteras
Lighthouse**



**Ocracoke
Lighthouse**

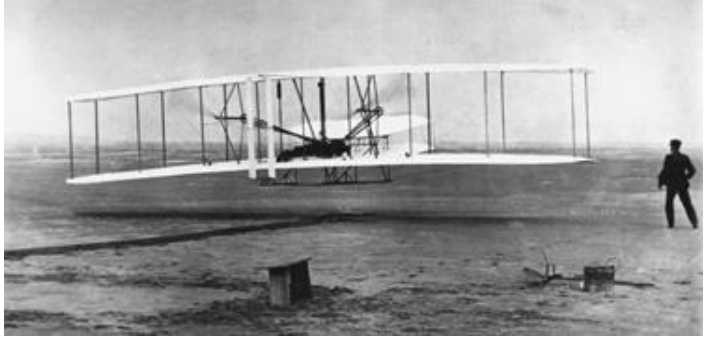


**Cape Lookout
Lighthouse**

Outer Banks, NC



Horses on the beach in Corolla



Wright Brothers Memorial – Kill Devil Hills



Ocracoke Ferry

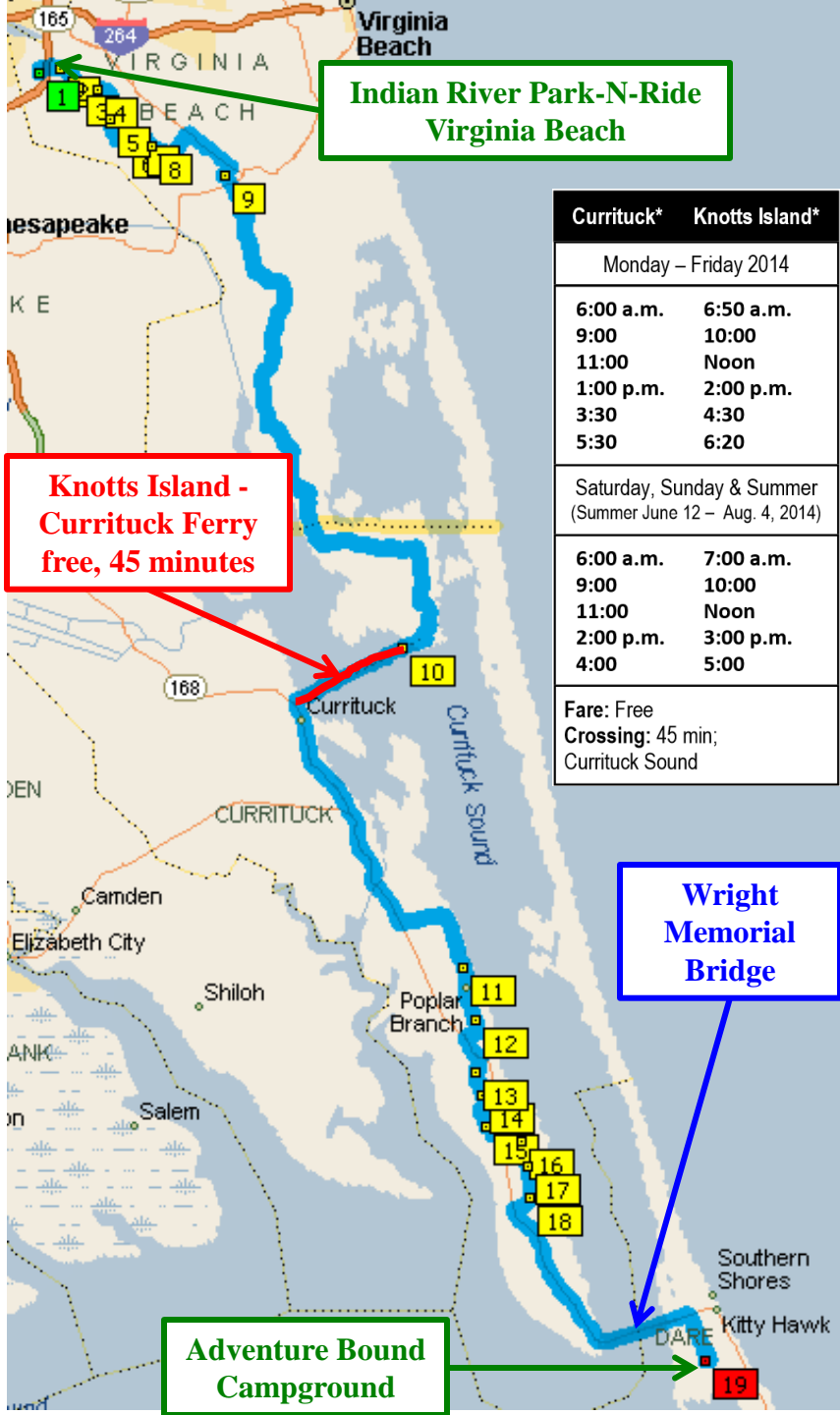


Endless beaches

Day 1 – Friday, May 9

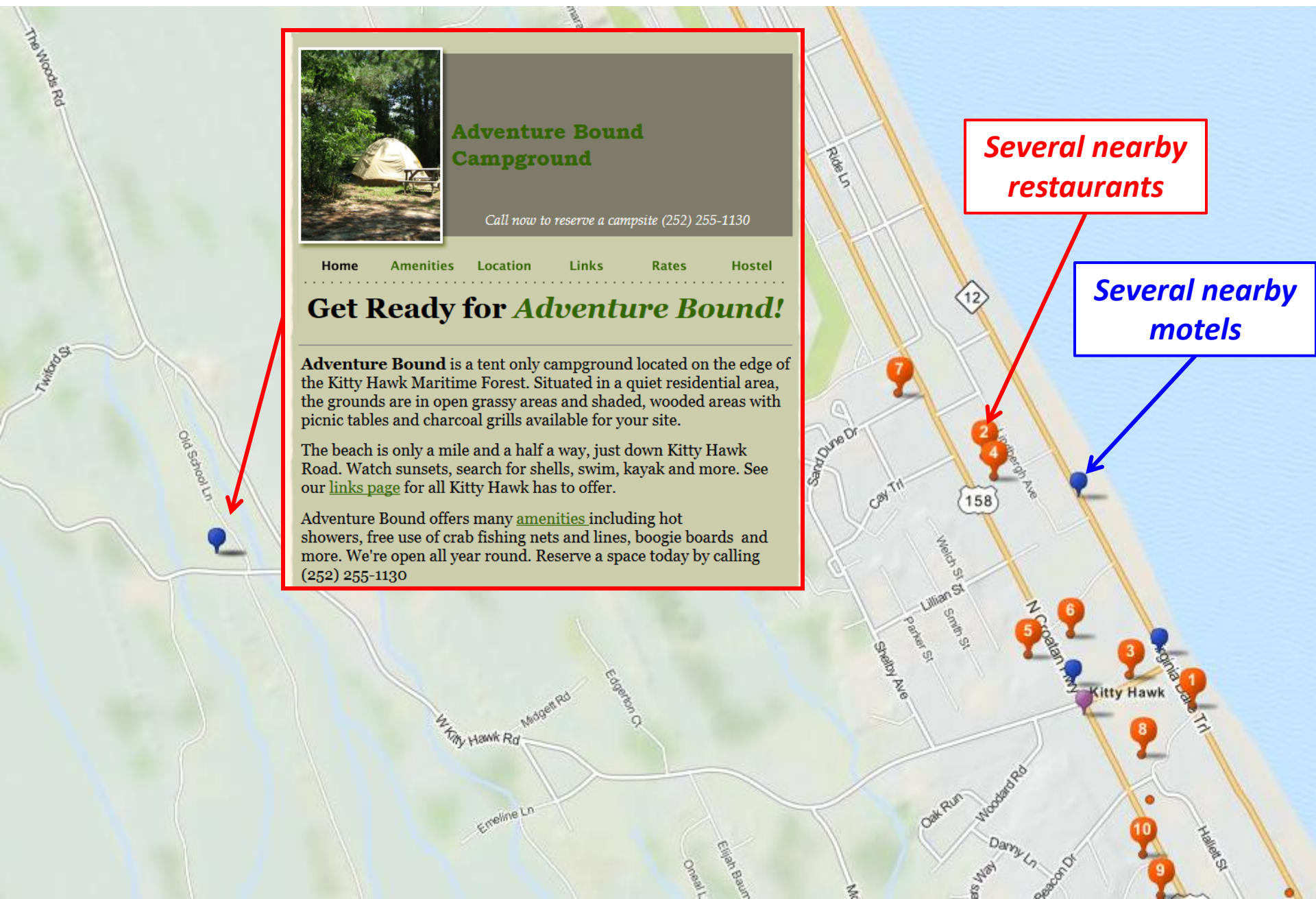
Virginia Beach to Adventure Bound Campground (Kitty Hawk) – 79.9 miles (+ 13 bonus miles to visit the Wright Memorial)

We will leave from the Indian River Rd Park-N-Ride in Virginia Beach. We will cycle through the rural southern part of Virginia Beach and on to Knotts Island, an isolated part of NC. We will need to watch our time as we will catch the **Knotts Island – Currituck Ferry** at about mile 38 in the trip. If we start at 6 am, we should have plenty of time to catch the 10 am ferry (missing it would mean a 2-hour wait for the next ferry). We can rest and enjoy the view during the 45-minute ferry ride across the Currituck Sound. When we arrive in Currituck we will stop for lunch and continue south along US 168/158 (a lot of traffic, but good shoulders.) We will cross the Currituck Sound again to the Outer Banks on the 3-mile long Wright Memorial Bridge and will then exit onto quieter back roads to the Adventure Bound campground. We will eat dinner at a nearby restaurant in Kitty Hawk and may combine it with a trip to the **Wright Brothers Memorial Museum** (open 9am-5pm daily and located 7 miles from camp).



Day 1 – Adventure Bound Campground

Stay at the Adventure Bound Campground or in a nearby motel in Kitty Hawk



Adventure Bound Campground

Call now to reserve a campsite (252) 255-1130

[Home](#) [Amenities](#) [Location](#) [Links](#) [Rates](#) [Hostel](#)

Get Ready for *Adventure Bound!*

Adventure Bound is a tent only campground located on the edge of the Kitty Hawk Maritime Forest. Situated in a quiet residential area, the grounds are in open grassy areas and shaded, wooded areas with picnic tables and charcoal grills available for your site.

The beach is only a mile and a half a way, just down Kitty Hawk Road. Watch sunsets, search for shells, swim, kayak and more. See our [links page](#) for all Kitty Hawk has to offer.

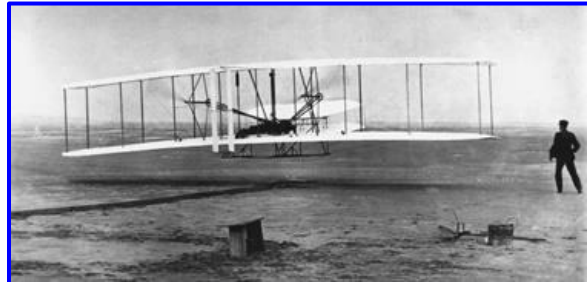
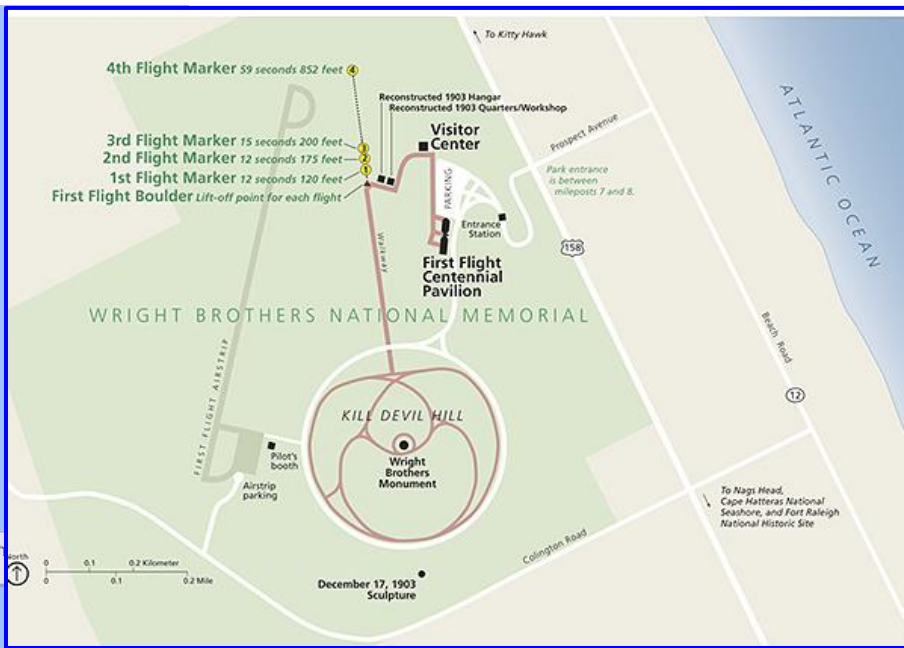
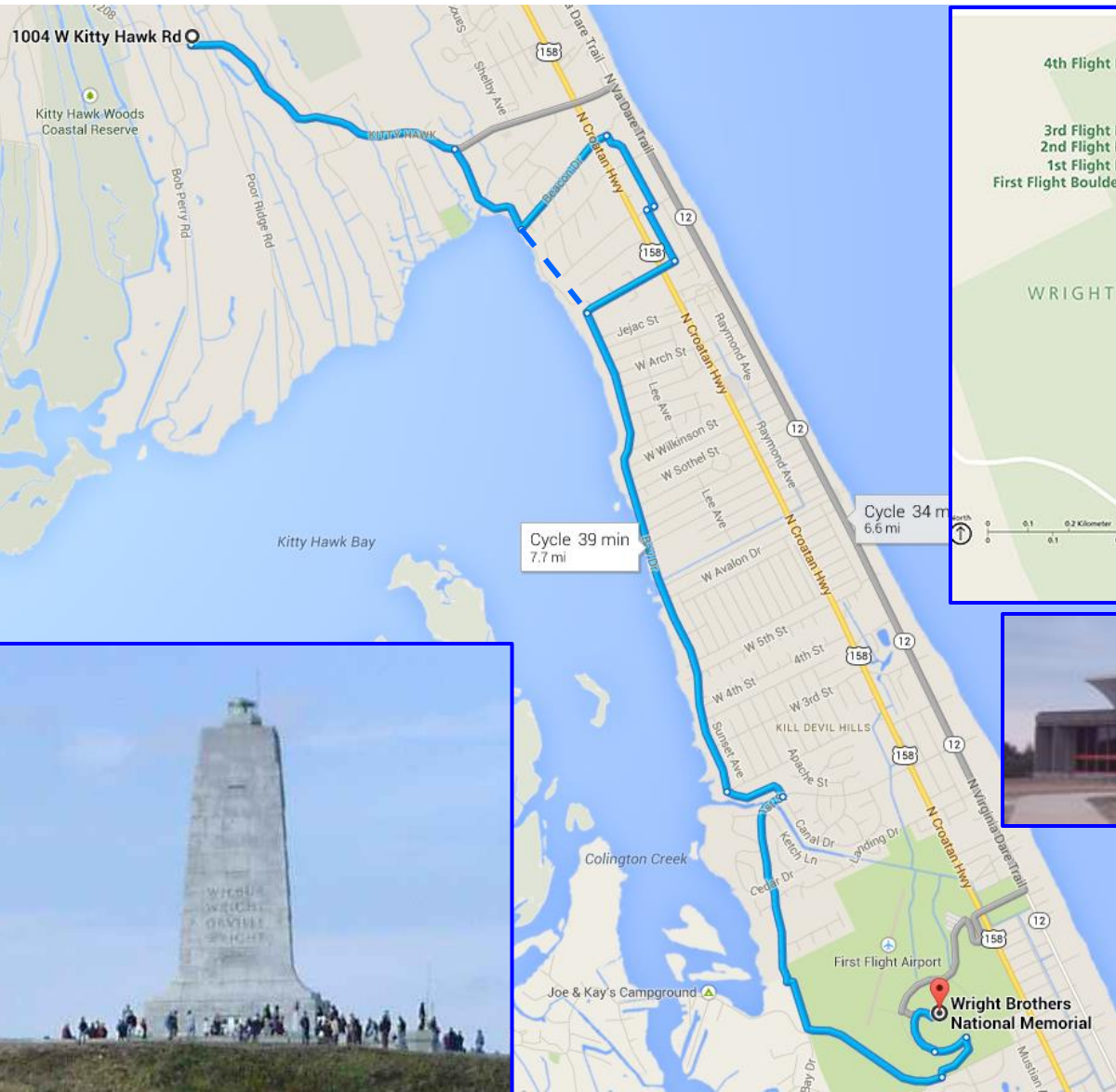
Adventure Bound offers many [amenities](#) including hot showers, free use of crab fishing nets and lines, boogie boards and more. We're open all year round. Reserve a space today by calling (252) 255-1130

Several nearby
restaurants

Several nearby
motels

Day 1 – Wright Brothers Memorial

We can cycle from camp to visit the memorial and eat dinner on the way back (dozens of restaurants to choose from). Cycling around the Memorial is great fun and gives an impressive view of the area. If time allows, the museum is open from 9-5 (\$4.00). The scenic route is 7.7 miles along Kitty Hawk Bay and 6.6 miles returning along route 12 or 158 where we can stop and eat.



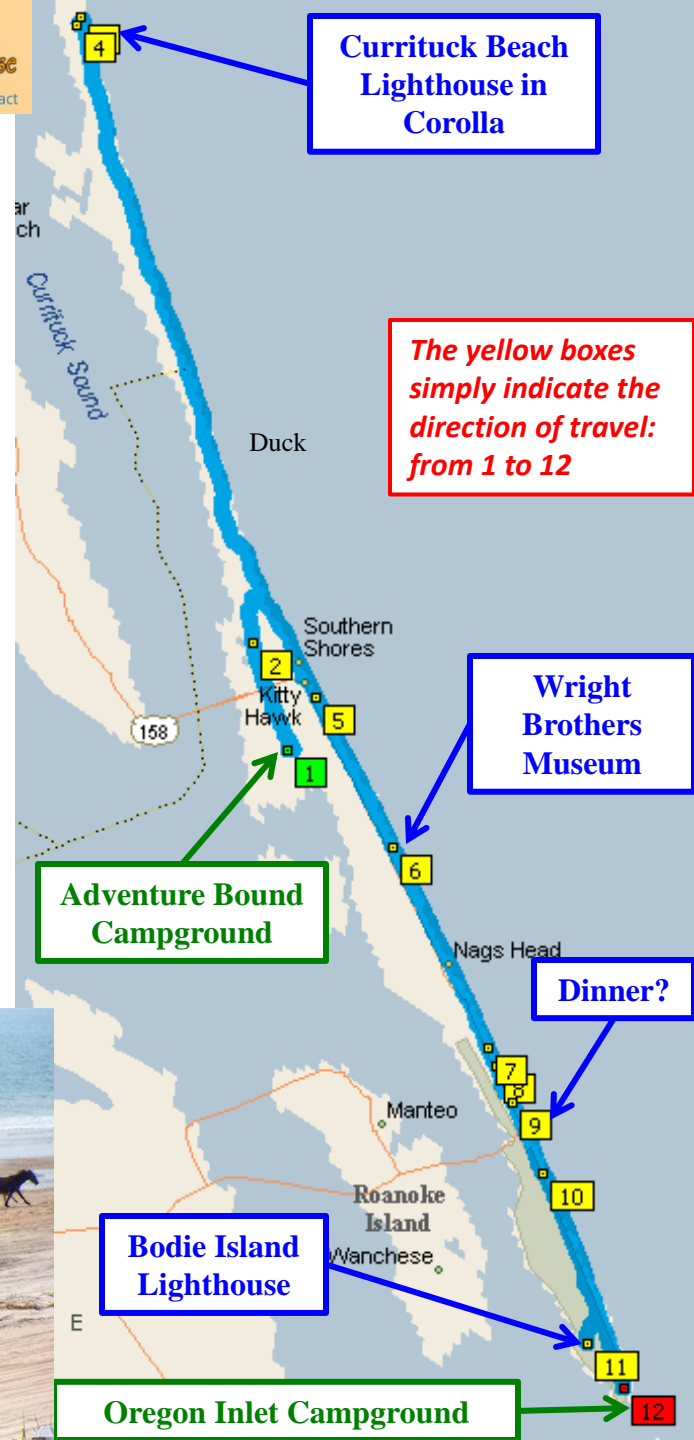
Day 2 – Saturday, May 10

Adventure Bound Campground (Kitty Hawk) to Oregon Inlet Campground – 72.7 miles



We will start at the Adventure Bound campground and cycle to a nearby restaurant for breakfast (and possible meet with others that stayed in a hotel). We will cycle north through Duck to Corolla where we will visit (and climb) our first lighthouse. Corolla is also famous for its wild horses. We may get lucky and spot some along the beach or in the woods/marsh near Corolla.

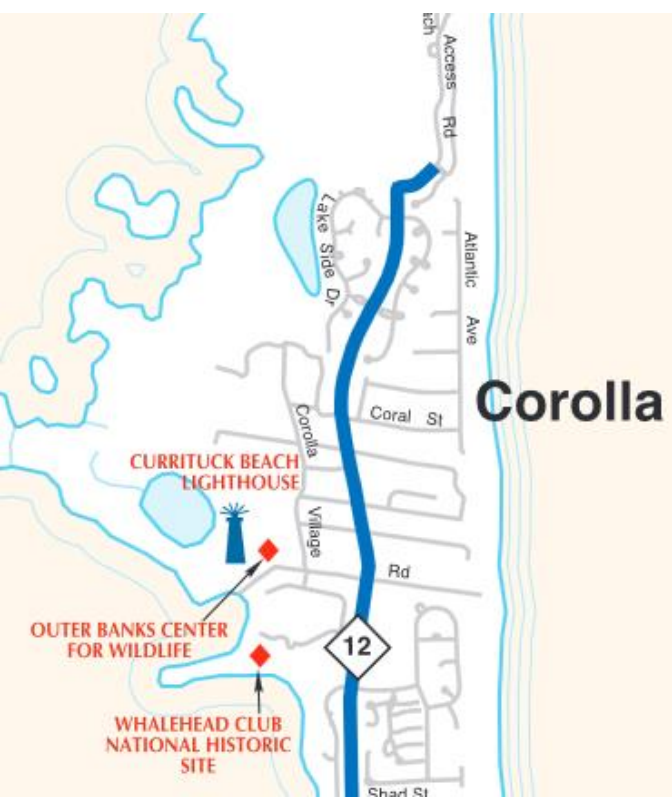
We will leave Corolla and return to Nags Head for lunch and continue south to Oregon Inlet. We will stop to visit the Bodie Island Lighthouse (pronounced like “body”) and the Bodie Island Visitor Center just before reaching the Oregon Inlet Campground. The Oregon Inlet Fishing Center (full service marina with a huge fishing fleet, open 5am – 7pm) is just beyond the campground. The last restaurants are 11 miles before camp, so we can eat an early dinner, cook in camp, buy food in Nags Head to carry to camp, etc.



2014 Season – Currituck Beach Lighthouse
Open Daily 9 am - 5 pm
Mar 29 to Nov 30
\$8/person to climb, cash or check only



Day 2 – Corolla



Corolla

Currituck Beach Lighthouse — This unpainted 158-ft. brick lighthouse has been operating since December 1875. Visitors are invited to climb the 214 steps to the top for a panoramic view of Currituck Sound and the Atlantic Ocean, weather permitting, for a nominal fee. Also on the property is the light keeper's house, built in 1876. The exterior of the house and the surrounding grounds have been restored; interior restoration is planned for the future. The lighthouse and grounds are open Easter through Thanksgiving from 10am to 5pm daily. An admission fee is charged to climb the lighthouse. (252) 453-8152.



The Whalehead Club — Built in 1922 as a hunt club for owners Edward Collings and Marie Louise Knight. In later years, the structure served many uses, including a boys' school and housing for the Coast Guard. Now restored, this structure is considered one of the most spectacular landmarks in Currituck County. With its art nouveau architectural styling, accented with Tiffany lamps, cork-tiled floors, and brass duck head and water lily hardware, this magnificent structure stood isolated for years on these remote barrier islands. Exhibits on the area's history include a replica of a duck decoy maker's shop, antique canoes and gun displays. Rocking chairs on the sound-front patio are a pleasant place to unwind before exploring the nearby boathouse and grounds. The property is open for tours from Easter through Thanksgiving. An admission fee is charged. (252) 457-0128.

Outer Banks Center for Wildlife — Exhibits at the center explain the barrier island environment, its wildlife, and the hunting and fishing history of the region. The center also offers educational programs and special events. Open from 8am to 5pm. Admission is free. 252-453-0221. www.ncwildlife.org/pg08_EducationWorkshops/pg8c_3.htm

Mileposts

From Wright Memorial Bridge (0) through Hatteras Inlet (72), the Outer Banks is marked with Milepost markers. If you look closely, you'll see vertical green signs with white numbers placed every mile along U.S. 158 and N.C. 12 from Kitty Hawk south. If you're headed out to a restaurant or shop and you don't know where it is, ask for the milepost number. Then, as you drive along, keep an eye out for the numbers along the roadside to help you get your bearings.

Day 2 – Bodie Island Lighthouse and Visitor Center

We can decide later whether to reserve a tour or to hope that tickets are available when we arrive.

Bodie Island Lighthouse Tours

The Bodie Island Lighthouse guided tour season is from the third Friday in April to Columbus Day in early October. [Guided tours](#) will run from 9 am to 5:45 pm daily. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens (62 or older), children 11 years of age and under, and the disabled.

[Tour tickets](#) may be purchased on site on the day of the tour or may be reserved in advance. Tours start every 35 minutes and are 45 minutes long. Each guided tour is limited to 22 people. Children must be at least 42" tall. Children under 12 must be escorted by a person at least 16 years old.

Day of Tour Tickets: 50% of all tours for each day will be sold on site. Day of tour tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis and can only be purchased in-person at the site the day of the tour. Day of tour tickets will be available from 8:30 am to 5:45 pm starting April 19.

Reserved Tickets: 50% of all tours for each day will be sold in advance. Reservations for a tour can only be made between one to seven days in advance of the tour date by calling (252) 475-9417. The reservation office is open 11 am to 4 pm, seven days a week. Reservations cannot be made the same day as the tour date.

Tours are held seven days a week and start at the following times:

Day of Tour Tickets	9:00 am	10:10 am	11:20 am	12:30 pm	1:40 pm	2:50 pm	4:00 pm	5:10 pm
Reserved Tickets	9:35 am	10:45 am	11:55 am	1:05 pm	2:15 pm	3:25 pm	4:35 pm	5:45 pm



Restaurant originally opened on the Outer Banks by a couple of fishermen as a pre-fishing breakfast stop, **Sam & Omie's Restaurant** in Nags Head maintains its seaside flavor more than 70 years later. The place exudes a barefoot and "beachy" atmosphere and serves up plenty of tasty dishes morning, noon and night, including omelets, hamburgers, club sandwiches and prime rib or seafood dinners.



Outer Banks Favorite



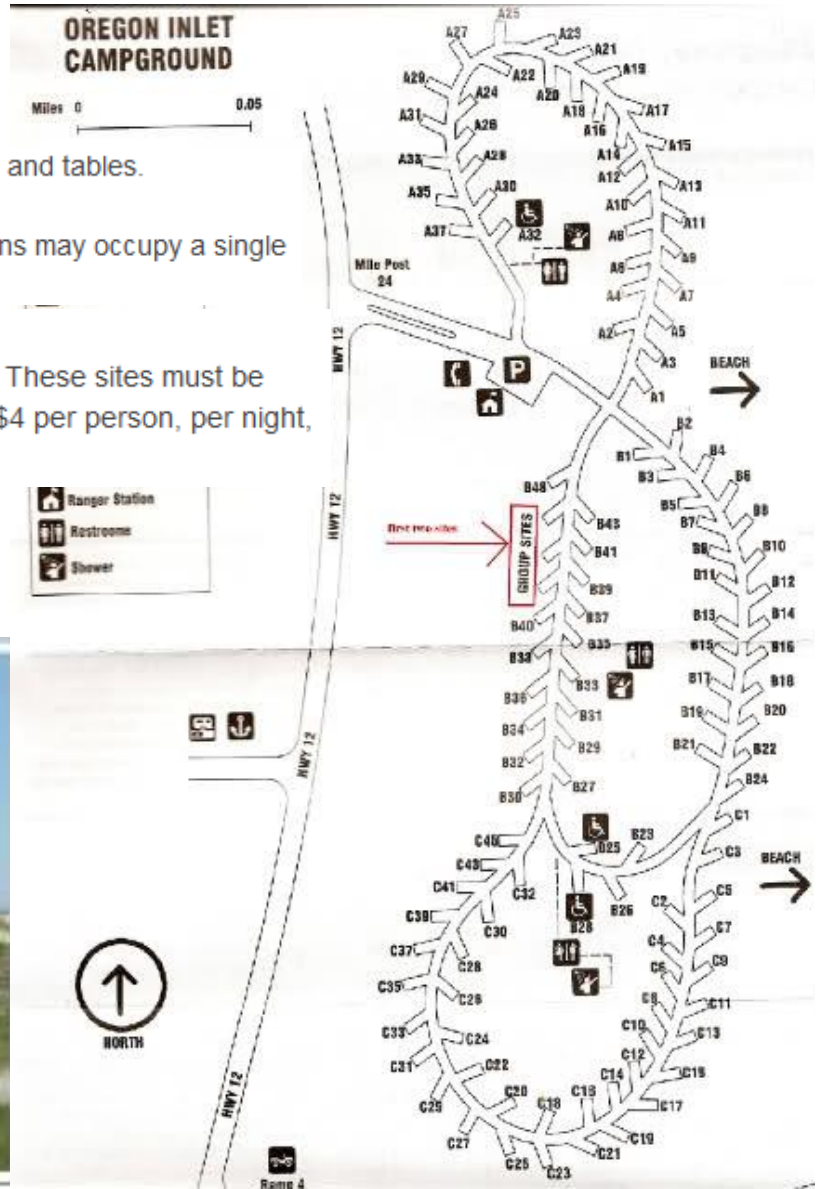
Day 2 – Oregon Inlet Campground

No reservations are allowed at this campground except for groups. There are 120 sites, but it could be crowded on a nice Saturday night in May. Once I know the size of the group I will call and try to make a group reservations.

- All campgrounds have modern restrooms, potable water, unheated showers, grills and tables.
- Check-out time is noon.
- No more than two vehicles (pop-up camper is considered a vehicle) and six persons may occupy a single site.

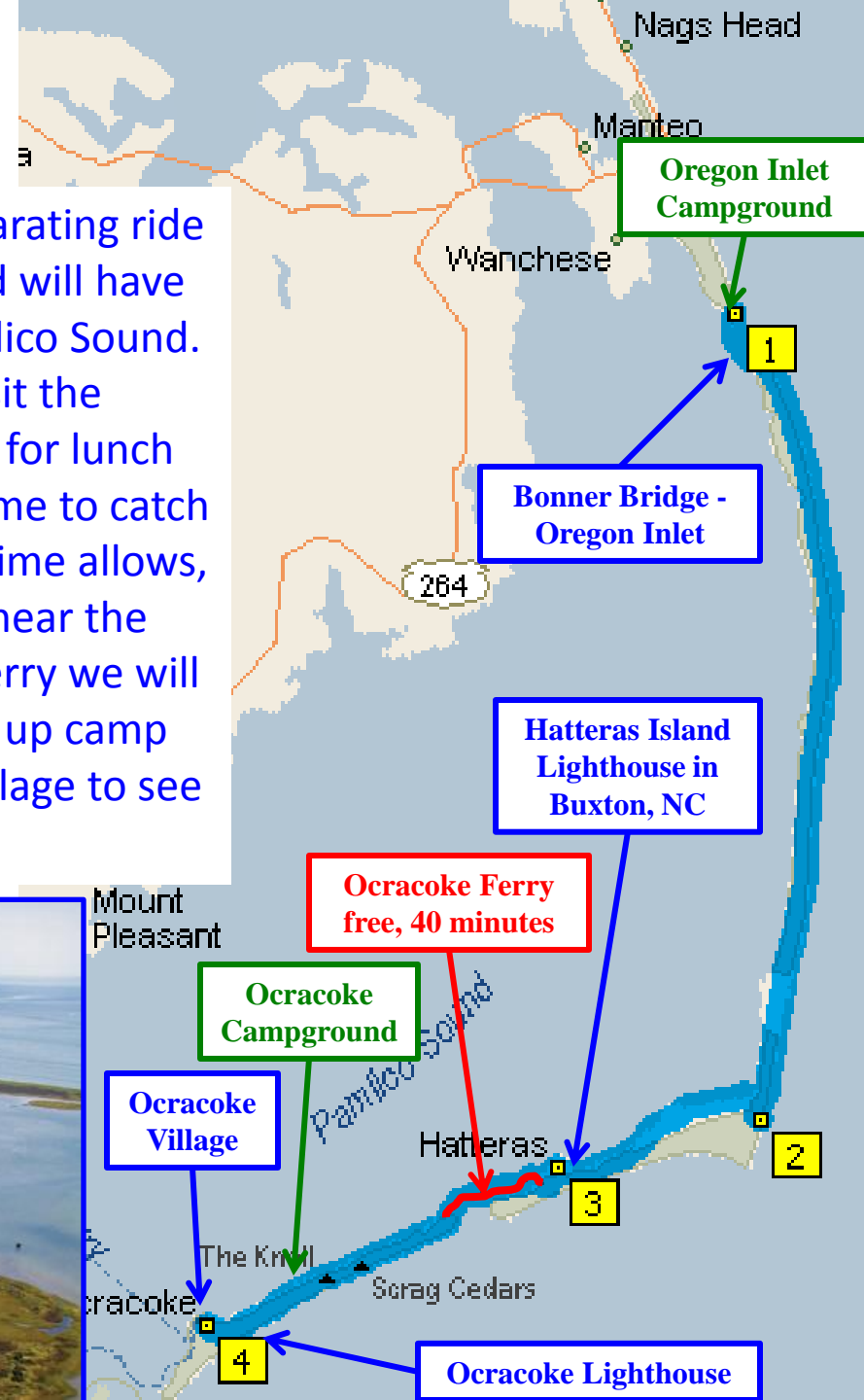
Group Camping

Camping for groups of 7–30 people is available only at Oregon Inlet Campground. These sites must be reserved at least 2 weeks in advance by calling 252-441-0882. Group camping is \$4 per person, per night, including infants and toddlers.



Day 3 – Sunday, May 11
Oregon Inlet Campground to
Ocracoke Campground – 72.0 miles

We will eat in camp, and start the day with an exhilarating ride on the Bonner Bridge (2.5 mi) over Oregon Inlet and will have wonderful views of the Atlantic Ocean and the Pamlico Sound. The bridge has a small shoulder. We will stop to visit the Hatteras Island Lighthouse at mile 52 and then stop for lunch in Buxton, NC. We can time our lunch to finish in time to catch the Ocracoke Ferry (free, 40 minute crossing) or, if time allows, we can visit the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum near the ferry dock in Hatteras. When we depart from the ferry we will continue to the Ocracoke Campground. We will set up camp and then cycle 3 miles to the charming Ocracoke Village to see the Ocracoke Lighthouse and eat dinner.



Day 3 – Hatteras-Ocracoke Ferry



Hatteras	Ocracoke
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April 1—May 12, 2014
October 7– December 31, 2014
Departures

5:00 a.m.	5:00 a.m.
6:00	6:00
7:00	7:00
8:00	8:00
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1:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
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7:00	7:00
8:00	8:00
9:00	9:00
10:00	10:00
11:00	11:00
Midnight	Midnight



<http://www.ncdot.gov/ferry/>

Day 3 – Hatteras Lighthouse, Visitor Center, and Museum of the Sea

It looks like we will be 5 days too early for the opening of the Hatteras lighthouse, but I will call to be sure. The Visitor Center will be open 9am-5pm.

Dates and Hours of Operation 2014 Season			
	First Climb Begins	Last Climb Begins	Ticket Window Hours
May 14 to June 28	10:00 AM	3:45 PM	9:30 AM to 3:30 PM
July 2 to August 23 (Extended Hours)	10:00 AM	4:45 PM	9:30 AM to 4:30 PM
August 27 to September 20	10:00 AM	3:45 PM	9:30 AM to 3:30 PM
Days of the Week	Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday PLUS Sunday, May 25, Sunday, July 6, and Sunday, August 31		

The lighthouse may close at any time if conditions (i.e.: temperature/humidity, lightning, or high winds) are determined to be unsafe.

The seashore will announce on Twitter (www.twitter.com/CapeLookoutNPS) and on Facebook (www.facebook.com/CapeLookoutNPS) when lighthouse tickets are sold out for the day and when weather related closures occur.

Tickets are required.

Ticket Prices	
Regular Admission	\$8.00
Children (12 and under; at least 44 inches tall)	\$4.00
Senior Pass (62 and over)	\$4.00
Access Pass (visitors with permanent disabilities)	\$4.00

Please Note: **ticket prices do not include the cost of ferry transportation.** For more information on ferry services please [contact the ferry companies directly](#).

Tickets may be purchased from WEDNESDAY through SATURDAY at the [Light Station Visitor Center](#) during the hours of operation [listed above](#). Tickets are sold on a first come / first served basis.

School groups (public, private, or homeschool) may make advanced reservations by contacting the Education Coordinator at (252) 728-2250 ext. 3002. For more information on field trip planning, please visit our [Lighthouse Climb Field Trip Activity page](#).



About 50 miles south of the Seashore's north entrance is the **Hatteras Island Visitor Center** and **Museum of the Sea** in Buxton, NC. The visitor center offers several bulletin board displays and houses and Eastern National bookstore. The museum is within the historic Cape Hatteras Lighthouse Double Keepers' Quarters. The two-floor museum contains exhibits on various aspects of Outer Banks history and natural history. A small audiovisual room provides a variety of presentations.

Most visitors visit both the visitor center and museum during their visit to the adjacent **Cape Hatteras Lighthouse**, which is open for climbing the Friday before Memorial Day to Columbus Day (early October). The Hatteras Island Visitor Center is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., the Friday of Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. the rest of the year (closed Christmas Day).

<http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/visitor-centers.htm>



The **Hatteras Island Visitor Center** and **Museum of the Sea** are located at the **Cape Hatteras Lighthouse**

Day 3 – Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum



Museum Hours:

Monday - Friday

10:00am - 4:00pm

Free Admission to the Public

Donations Appreciated

» Website: [Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum](http://www.graveyardoftheatlanticmuseum.org)

Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum



The **Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum** is a public, non-profit, educational institution. The Museum is dedicated to the preservation, advancement and presentation of the maritime history and shipwrecks of the North Carolina Outer Banks from the earliest periods of exploration and/or colonization to the present day, with particular emphasis in the periods from 1524 to 1945. The Museum preserves, researches, exhibits and interprets its collections for the benefit of the general public and specialized audiences.

The Museum serves its diverse audiences in order to inspire appreciation, encourage discovery, and promote and an active, responsible understanding of the maritime heritage of the Outer Banks itself and in relation to that of the United States and the broader history of seafaring.

The Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum is located in Hatteras Village, the southern most community on Hatteras Island. Access to the Museum is from Highway 12 ***near the NC DOT ferry terminal*** on Coast Guard Road.

The design of the Museum building is unique. The Entrance Court is reminiscent of the timbers of the many shipwrecks that once were so common along the treacherous Hatteras coast.

Day 3 – Ocracoke Lighthouse and Visitor Center

The Ocracoke lighthouse is not open for climbing at any time. The Visitor Center will be open 9am-5pm.



Ocracoke Island Visitor Center

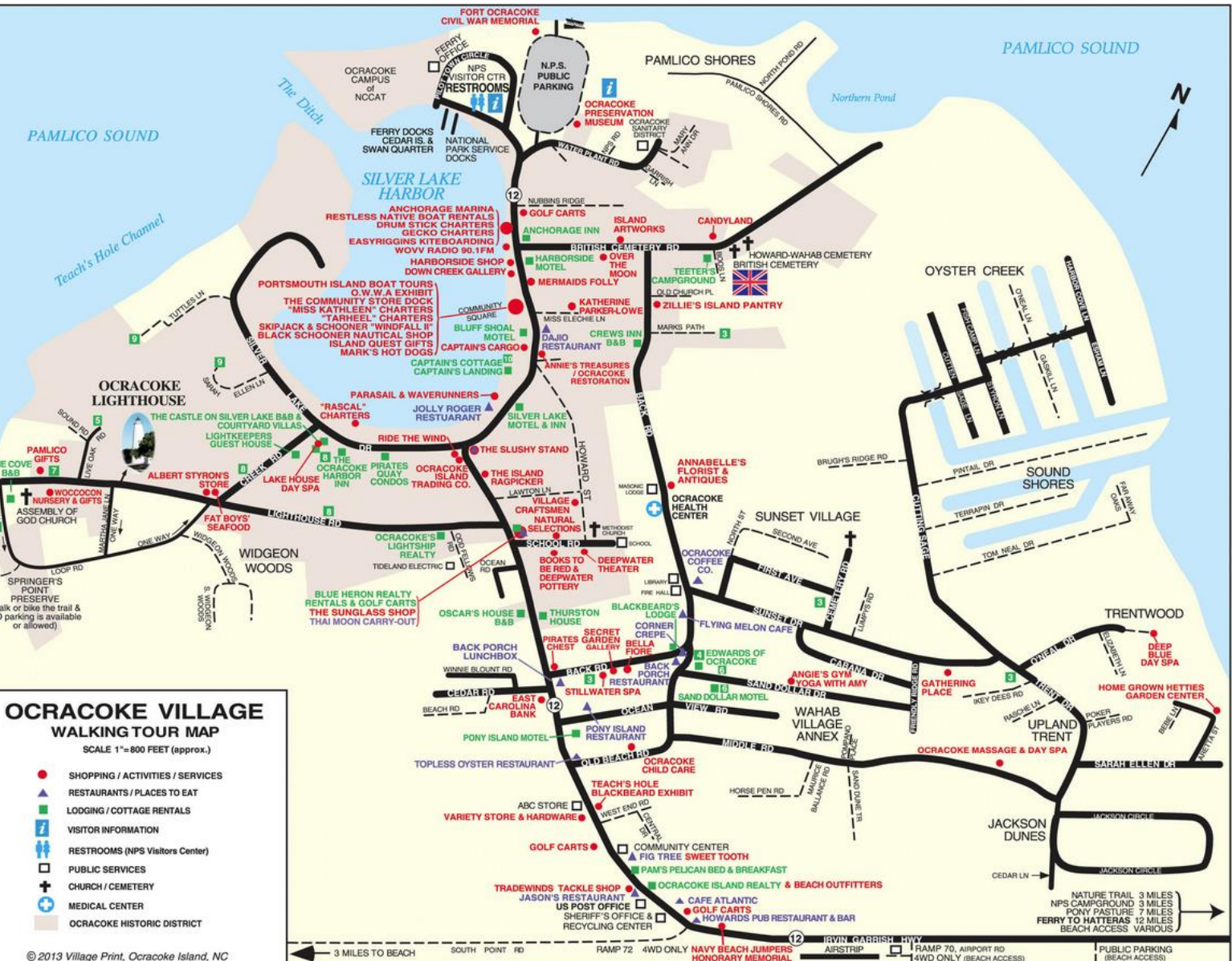
Near the Seashore's southern edge in Ocracoke Village is the **Ocracoke Island Visitor Center**, located at the end of N.C. Highway 12 where the road enters the ferry terminal. The visitor Center is a mix of Eastern National bookstore items and exhibits focused on Ocracoke history.

From the visitor center, the **Ocracoke Lighthouse** is visible across Silver Lake. The Ocracoke Island Visitor Center is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. year round (closed Christmas Day).

<http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/visitor-centers.htm>

Day 3 – Ocracoke Village

This busy village is 4 miles from the campground. We can set up camp and then cycle here to see the lighthouse and eat dinner. We will also cycle back here in the morning for breakfast before catching the 7:30am ferry to Cedar Island.



- Ocracoke Village
- Restaurants
 - Grocery stores
 - Shopping
 - Hardware store
 - Ocracoke lighthouse
 - Ocracoke Visitor Center
 - Ferry terminal to Cedar Island and Swan Quarter

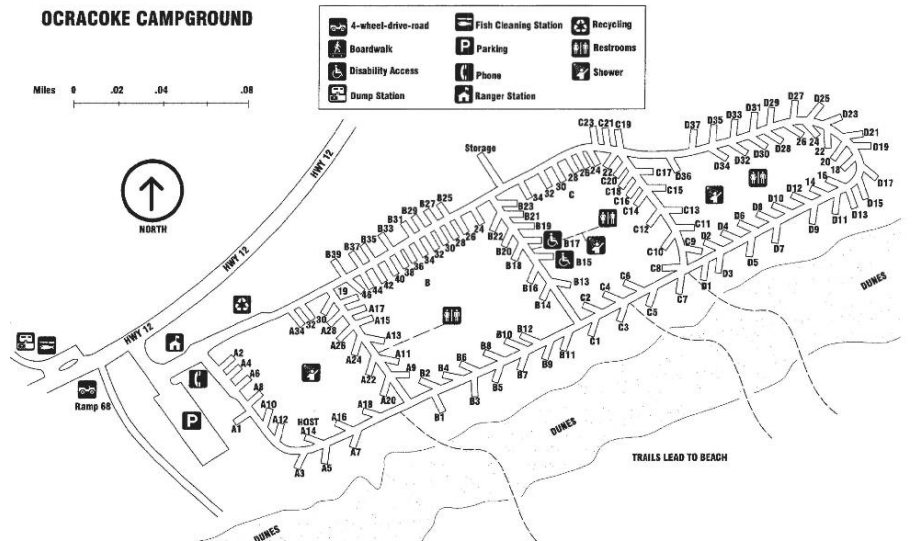
Day 3 – Ocracoke Campground

The campground is located 4 miles before Ocracoke Village. We can set up camp and then cycle here to see the lighthouse and eat dinner. We will also cycle back here in the morning for breakfast before catching the 7:30am ferry to Cedar Island.



Facilities:

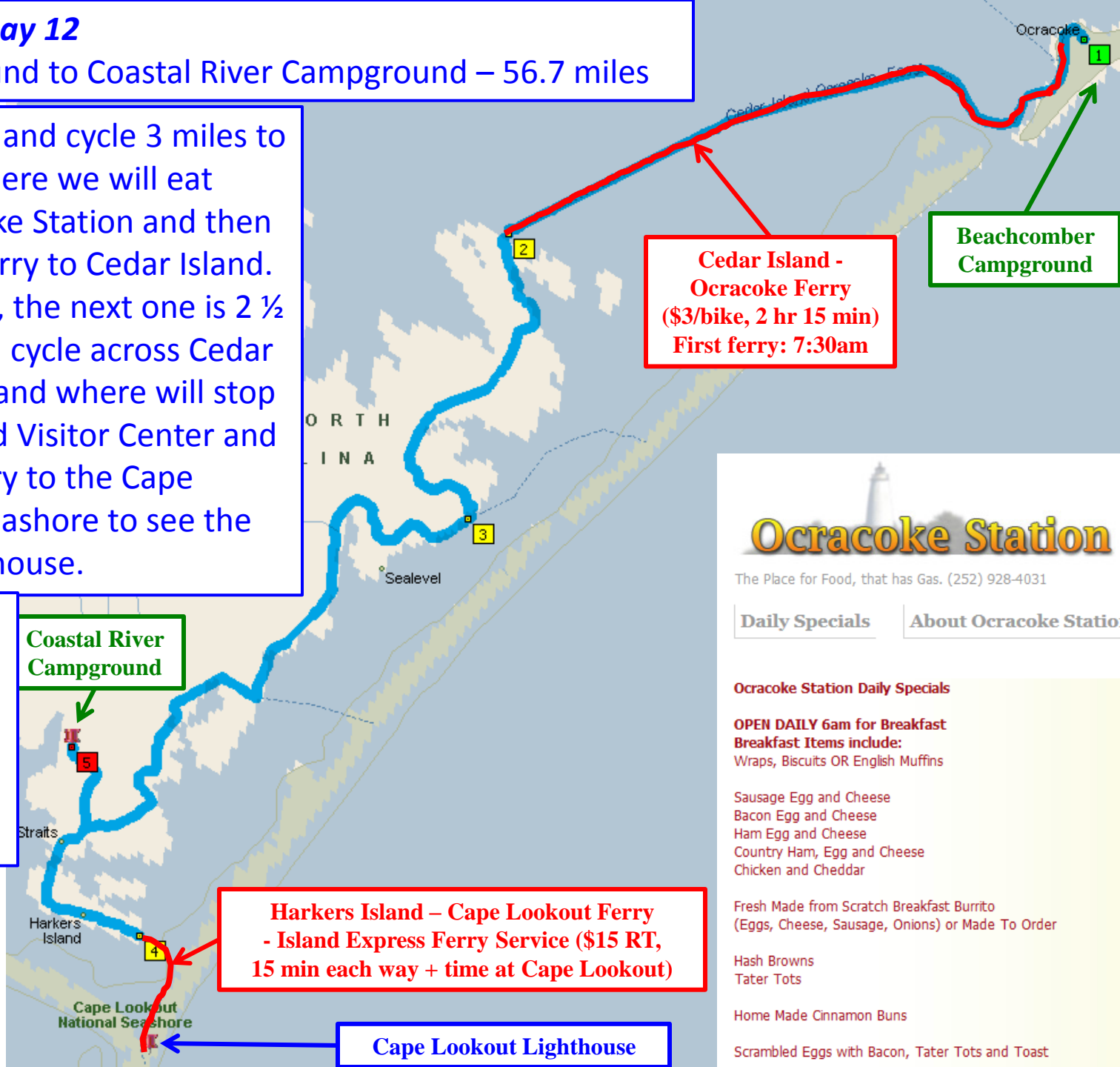
Ocracoke Campground is only accessible by ferry or aircraft. Campsites are located on sandy soil, so campers are encouraged to bring extra long tent stakes. Flush toilets, drinking water, cold showers and grills are all provided for a more comfortable beach camping experience.



Day 4 – Monday, May 12
Ocracoke Campground to Coastal River Campground – 56.7 miles

We will break camp and cycle 3 miles to Ocracoke Village where we will eat breakfast at Ocracoke Station and then catch the 7:30am ferry to Cedar Island. If you miss the ferry, the next one is 2 ½ hours later! We will cycle across Cedar Island to Harkers Island where will stop at the Harkers Island Visitor Center and buy tickets for a ferry to the Cape Lookout National Seashore to see the Cape Lookout Lighthouse.

When we return from Cape Lookout we will eat dinner in a restaurant on Harkers Island (7 miles before camp).



Day 4 – Ocracoke-Cedar Island Ferry

We will cycle from camp to Ocracoke Village where we will eat breakfast and then catch the 7:30am ferry (\$3.00/bike). Missing the ferry would be disastrous as the next ferry is at 1:00pm.

Cedar Island	Ocracoke
Jan. 1 – March 17, 2014 Oct. 28 – Dec. 31, 2014	
7:00 a.m. 10:30 4:30	7:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 4:00
Mar. 18– May 19, 2014 Sept. 30-Oct. 27, 2014	
7:00 a.m. 10:30 1:00p.m. 4:30	7:30 a.m. 10:00 1:00p.m. 4:00
May 20 – Sept. 29, 2014	
7:00 a.m. 10:00 11:30 1:00 p.m. 4:00 5:30	7:30 a.m. 10:00 1:00 p.m. 3:00 4:30 8:00 p.m.
Fare: See One-Way Fares Crossing: 2hrs., 15 min;	

Day 4 – Harkers Island

We can check out the Visitor Center before catching the ferry to Cape Lookout.

Visitor Centers

Harkers Island Visitor Center
Park Headquarters

Open: 9:00am to 5:00pm, 7 days per week. Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.
New weekend hours: The Harkers Island Visitor Center will be closed on Saturdays and Sundays until February 14, 2014.

Location: Eastern end of Harkers Island. On Island Road which is off of U.S. Hwy 70, between Cedar Island and Beaufort, NC.

Programs and Amenities: Exhibits on Portsmouth Village, island ecology, and Shackleford Banks horses; interactive map of the park; Kids' Corner with sounds of the seashore game, magnetic discovery board, and a touch table; the park film; informational materials; [seasonal programs](#); [Junior Ranger](#) and [Junior Ranger Adventures](#) booklets; [special event programs](#); book store and gift shop; and park [passport stamp and lighthouse society stamp](#).

Available Facilities: Restrooms, first aid, picnic area, and a kayak launch site.



Day 4 – Ferry to the Cape Lookout Lighthouse

There are no roads on the Cape Lookout National Seashore, so we will leave our bikes at the ferry terminal (bring a lock). I will make reservations once the size of the group is firm. I will also contact them about a place to lock our bikes while we are gone. The ferry ride takes 15 minutes and ferries run every 30 minutes. There are several ferries. They carry between 15 and 49 passengers. Cost: \$15.00 (round trip)

Harkers Island Ferry Gateway to Cape Lookout Lighthouse
Round-trip Ferry Service
\$15 Adults/Campers (includes backpack & small carry-on)
\$5 additional carry-ons

www.islandexpressferryservices.com



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CAPE LOOKOUT NATIONAL SEASHORE

Your local ferry service to Cape Lookout and Shackleford Banks.

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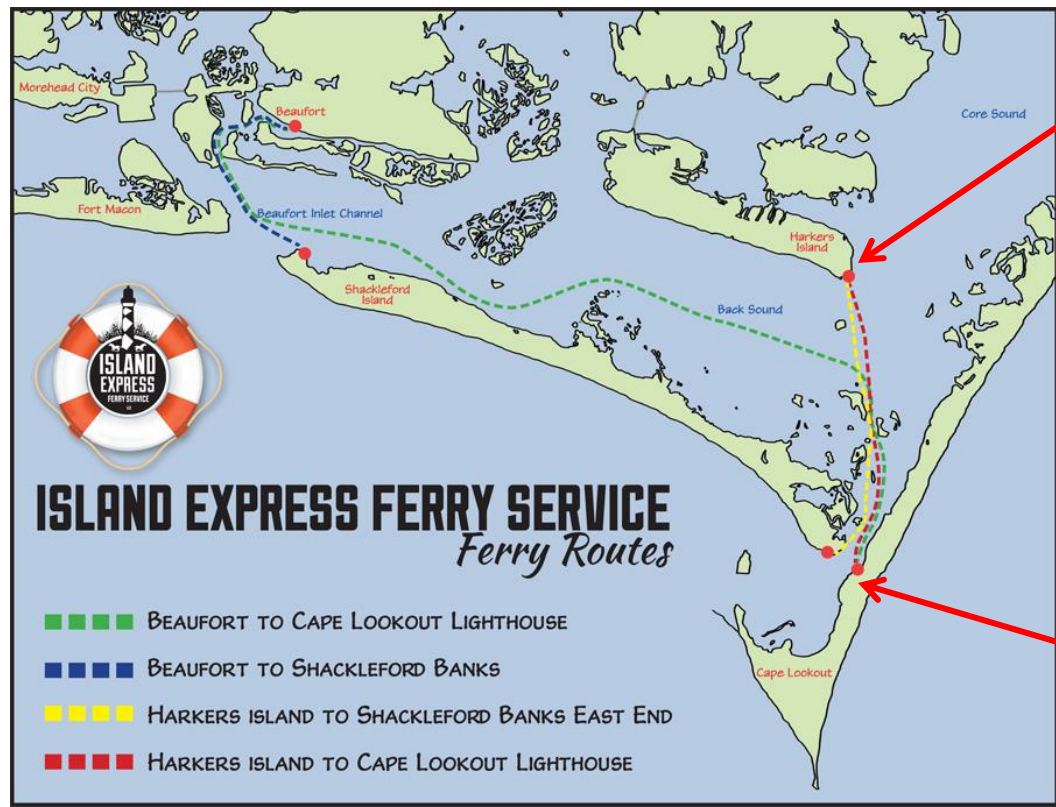
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RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED.

Summer April 15 - October 1				
Trip #	Harkers Island to/from South Core Banks		Harkers Island to/from Shackleford Banks	
	Depart Harkers Island	Depart South Core Banks	Depart Harkers Island	Depart Shackleford Banks
1	8:15 am	-	-	-
2	8:45 am	-	-	-
3	9:00 am	9:15 am	-	-
4	9:45 am	9:45 am	-	-
5	10:15 am	10:15 am	-	-
6	10:45 am	10:45 am	-	-
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16	3:45 pm	3:45 pm	-	-
17	4:15 pm	4:15 pm	-	-
18	4:45 pm	4:45 pm	-	-
19	5:15 pm	5:00 pm	-	-
20	-	5:45 pm	-	-



Harkers Island

Cape Lookout Lighthouse

Day 4 –Cape Lookout Lighthouse

The ferry dock is close to the Cape Lookout Lighthouse. It looks like we will be a couple days too early to climb the lighthouse, but I will check. Even if the lighthouse is open, tickets can't be bought until you arrive, so we will need to see if they are available and how long the line is. In either case we can enjoy this beautiful cape and take pictures of the lighthouse.



We could camp on the beach, but what would we do with the bikes?

Day 4 – Coastal River Campground

252-723-7430 or 252-723-7426.

Open April through December, Coastal Riverside Campground is located on a finger creek of the North River and features 53 RV sites with full hook-ups and 25 additional sites for tents.

Campground amenities include laundry facilities, showers, a boat ramp and pier, and cable hookups. Reservations for RV camping are required, and nightly...[more about Coastal Riverside Campground](#)

Day 5 – Tuesday, May 13
Coastal River Campground to
Holiday Travel Park in Emerald Isle – 43.7 miles

Day 5 will be our shortest day. We will cycle to Beaufort for breakfast (10 miles) and then take one of several ferries out of Beaufort along the waterfront or to nearby islands. We may also visit the NC Maritime Museum which is close to the ferry terminal. We will then cross some large bridges on our way to Atlantic Beach. We will visit Fort Macon State Park and then enjoy the beautiful ride from Atlantic Beach to Emerald Isle where we will camp for the night.



Day 5 – Beaufort, NC

The NC Maritime Museum and Island Ferry Adventures are both located in Beaufort close to where we will eat breakfast (after cycling only 10 miles). Note that Island Express Ferry Service (see Day 4) also operates out of Beaufort.

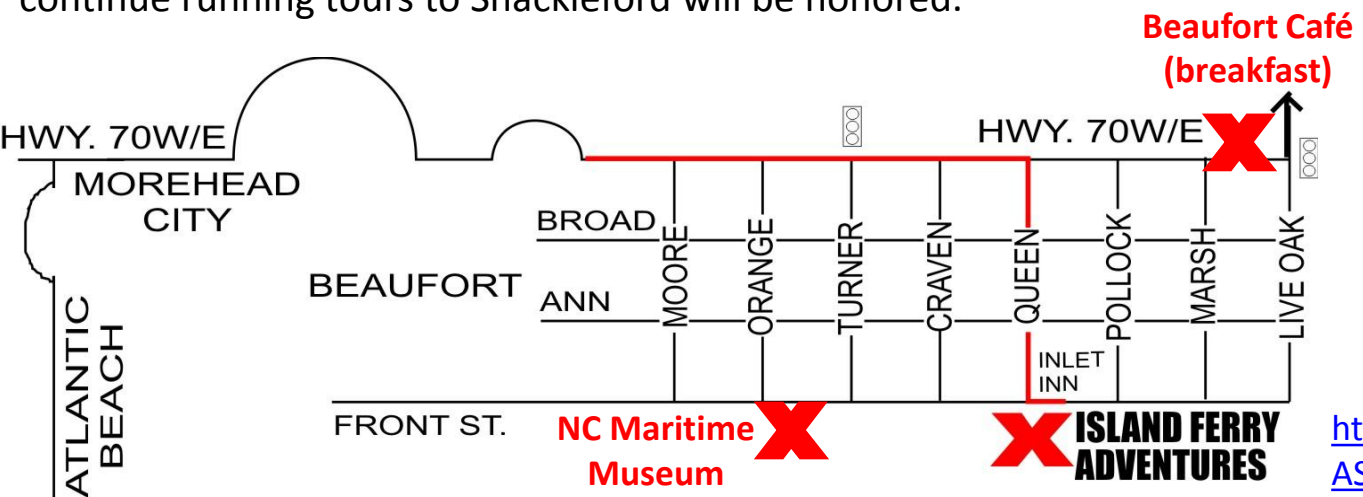


North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort

Blackbeard and more! Visit the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort for a taste of coastal cultures and maritime history. Exhibits feature the state's rich seafood industry, life-saving stations and lighthouses, and sailboats and motorboats. The Museum is the official repository for artifacts from Blackbeard's *Queen Anne's Revenge*, which ran aground near Beaufort in 1718.



I called on 3-14-14. Island Ferry Adventures in Beaufort, NC runs a drop off ferry service to Carrot Shoal and Bird Island all year. By April they have a wide selection of tours and ferry services. They will definitely have tours and ferry services on Tuesday, May 13. They have a bike rack out front and also offered to let us put our bikes in back behind a fence where they can keep an eye on them. They said that the NPS recently took over Shackleford Banks, so they are waiting to see if their application to continue running tours to Shackleford will be honored.



<http://islandferryadventures.com/#PASSENGER%20FERRY%20SERVICE>

Day 5 – Ferry in Beaufort, NC

Tours – Island Ferry Adventures (Beaufort, NC)

HORSE & WATERFRONT CRUISE



Shaded seats are available as you REMAIN on the boat during this 1-1/4 hour narrated trip. This scenic cruise rides you along the entire 3-mile shoreline of the Beaufort waterfront, while also showing you Blackbeard's residence, Fort Macon, Radio Island, Duke Marine Lab and historic downtown Beaufort. Many shore birds may be sighted included Osprey, Ibis, Blue Heron, Pelicans, Egrets & Seagulls. Horses on Carrot Island (Rachel Carson Reserve) may be seen grazing along the water's edge and descendants of shipwrecked Spanish mustangs may also be seen while traveling past Shackleford Banks. This tour completely circles Carrot Island, Horse Island, Sand Dollar Island, Bird Shoal and Town Marsh as we provide the only tour that ventures along this route. Some marine life may also be seen. (Route may vary during inclement weather/water conditions.)

DEPARTURES: 10:00AM - 1:15PM

ADULTS \$18. CHILD \$10.

SURF & TURF CRUISE



This 1-1/2 hour cruise gives you one hour on the water and half an hour on the land. It combines the best of both our narrated cruise and our passenger ferry service into one trip. You see, hear and enjoy all the benefits and information of our Horse & Waterfront Cruise plus you will be DROPPED OFF at Shackleford Banks for approximately 30 minutes to learn history of the island, collect sea shells and get possible closer photos of the historic wild mustangs. You may also remain on the boat to sun or sit in the shade and enjoy the cool Atlantic breezes and waterfront sights. This trip is for those that want to disembark on an island but not have to stay several hours. After returning to the boat we will continue our narrated tour back into historic Beaufort. Sightings of dolphin, sea turtles, and other land and marine life may occur during this adventure. (Route may vary during inclement weather/water conditions.)

DEPARTURES: 11:30AM - 2:45PM

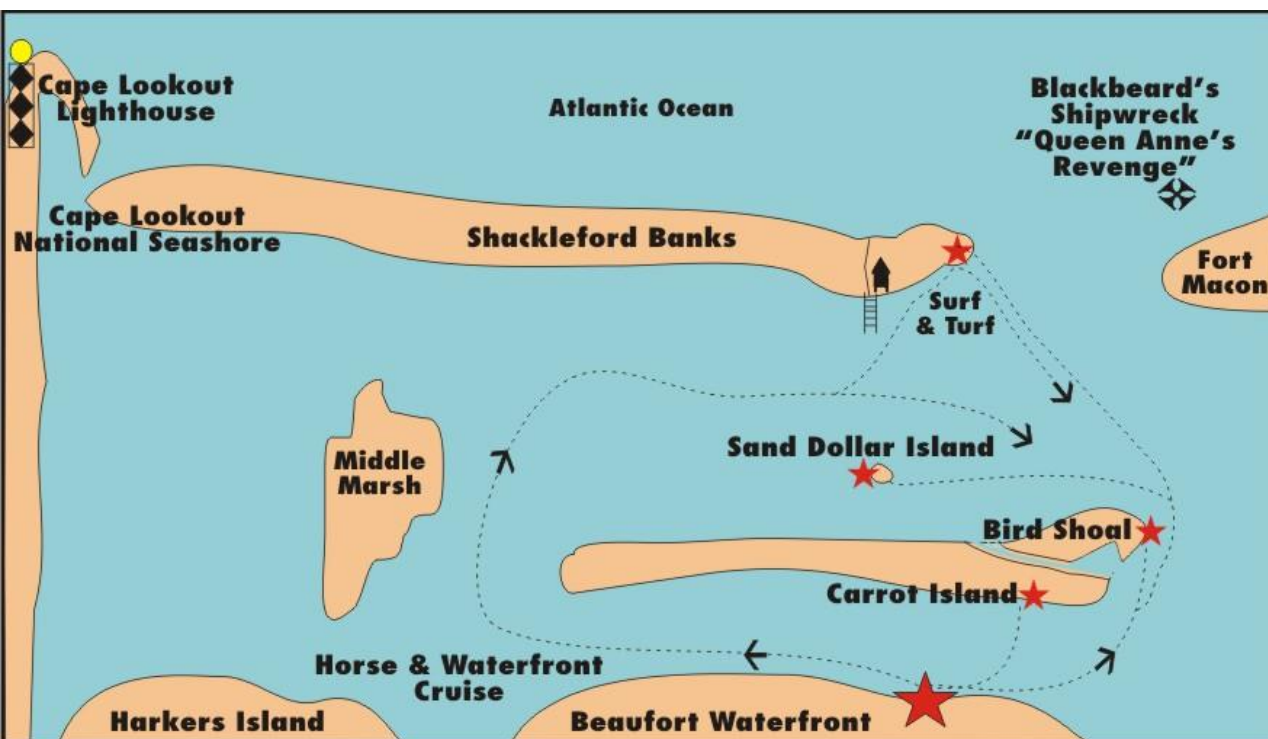
ADULTS \$20. CHILD \$12.

Day 5 – Ferry in Beaufort, NC

Drop-Off Ferry Service – Island Ferry Adventures (Beaufort, NC)

We begin at 9:00 a.m., weather permitting, seven days a week (in season). Departures are on the top of the hour. You are transported to and unloaded at your choice of one of our unique, uninhabited island locations. Stay a minimum of 1 hour or as many complete hours as you wish. Overnight camping is allowed at Shackleford Banks with an additional ferry fee. Bring necessities including water, snacks and sun block. Chairs, umbrellas and coolers are allowed. Don't forget your swimsuit and towel for swimming. Most small lap dogs are welcome on our ferry boats. Sorry, no large dogs allowed.

Departures are on the top of the hour beginning at 9:00 a.m.
7 days a week, weather permitting.



Prices are Round Trip	Adult
Shackleford Banks (West End)	\$15
Sand Dollar Island	\$15
Bird Shoal	\$13
Carrot Island	\$10

CARROT ISLAND

Rachel Carson Reserve - 5 minute ride

Directly across from the Beaufort waterfront

1/2 mile nature trail

Wildlife and bird habitat

40+ horses

Few shells

For the nature lover and NOT the shell or beach enthusiast!

BIRD SHOAL

Back side of Carrot Island - 10 minute ride

1 mile of un-crowded beach

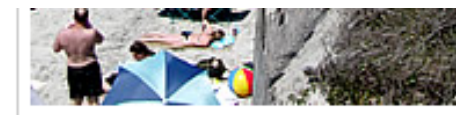
40+ horses.

Some small shells

Some sand dollars

Swimming

Day 5 – Fort Macon State Park



Exhibits and Fort Tour: Explore the history of Fort Macon State Park in the for museum room located in the fort casemates. Exhibits and displays acquaint you with the fort's history, and restored quarters offer a look into the lives of officers and soldiers.

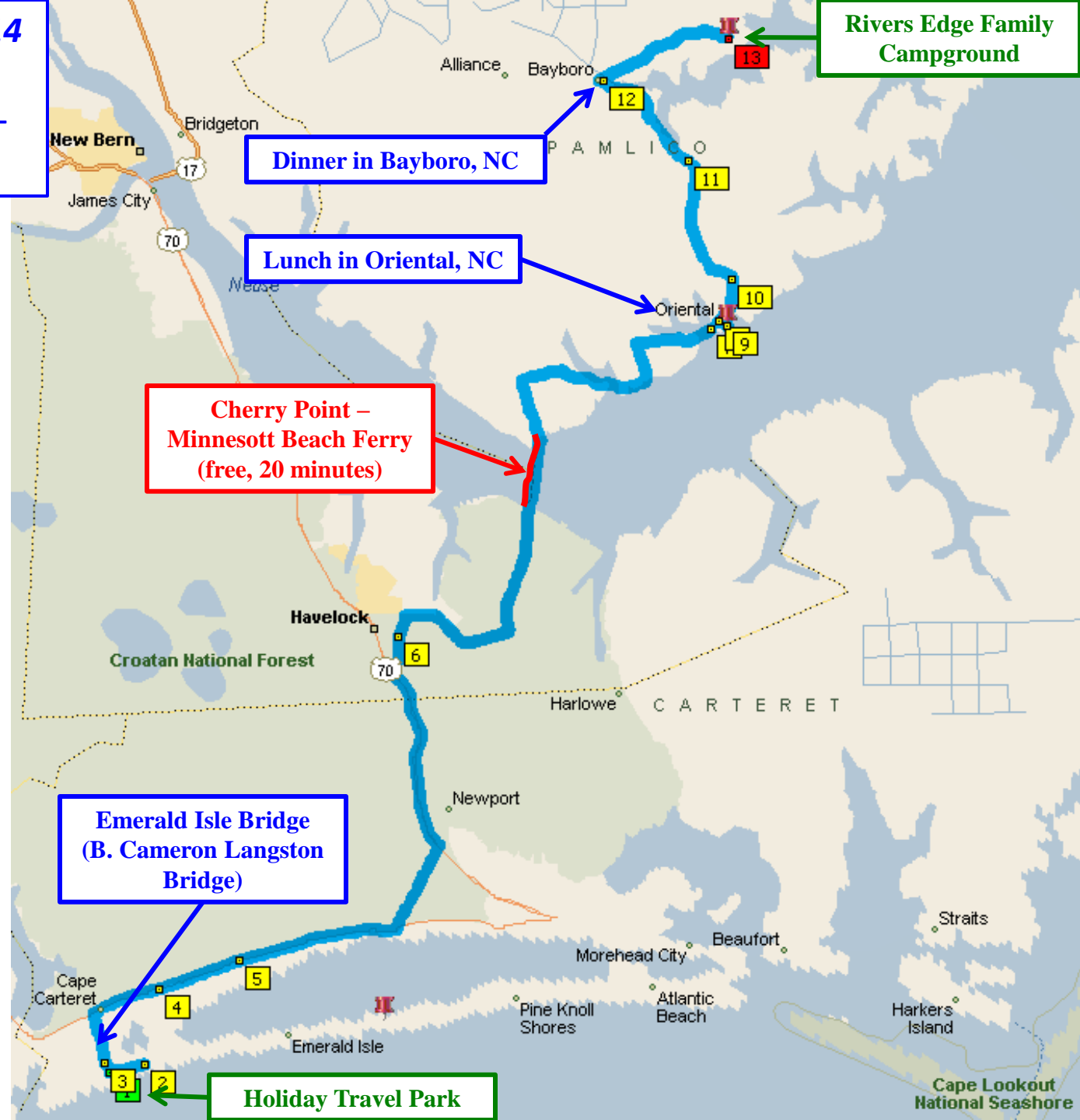
Admire the fort's powder magazines, counterfire rooms with cannon emplacements and wide moat that could be flooded to protect the fort during a siege. The fort features several original and replica cannons, a restored Hot Shot Furnace and Restored Bake Oven.

Join a guided tour of the fort or conduct your own following the guide available at the bookstore. The fort is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and closed Christmas Day. Historic reenactments are often held on the fort's inner court or parade ground.

The Coastal Education Center has a large exhibit hall featuring numerous exhibits about the natural history of the park, barrier island ecology, coastal North Carolina, and the interaction of natural and cultural history associated with Fort Macon. Join a regularly scheduled interpretive program or contact the park office to arrange an exploration for your group or class.

Day 6—Wednesday, May 14
Holiday Travel Park to
Rivers Edge Campground –
72.9 miles

We will cycle to breakfast (1.2 miles) and then cross the Emerald Isle Bridge as we begin to leave the Outer Banks and head for the inland side of the sounds. We will pass close to the Cherry Point Marine Base before taking the ferry from Cherry Point to Minnesott Beach. We will each lunch in the pleasant town of Oriental, NC. We will continue to camp and then cycle back to Bayboro, NC for dinner.



Day 6–Wednesday, May 14
Cherry Point – Minnesott
Beach Ferry



Cherry Branch	Minnesott Beach
Year-round Departures	
5:00 a.m.	—
—	5:25 a.m.
5:45	—
6:15	6:15
6:45	6:45
7:15	7:15
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Fare: Free Crossing: 20 min; Neuse River	

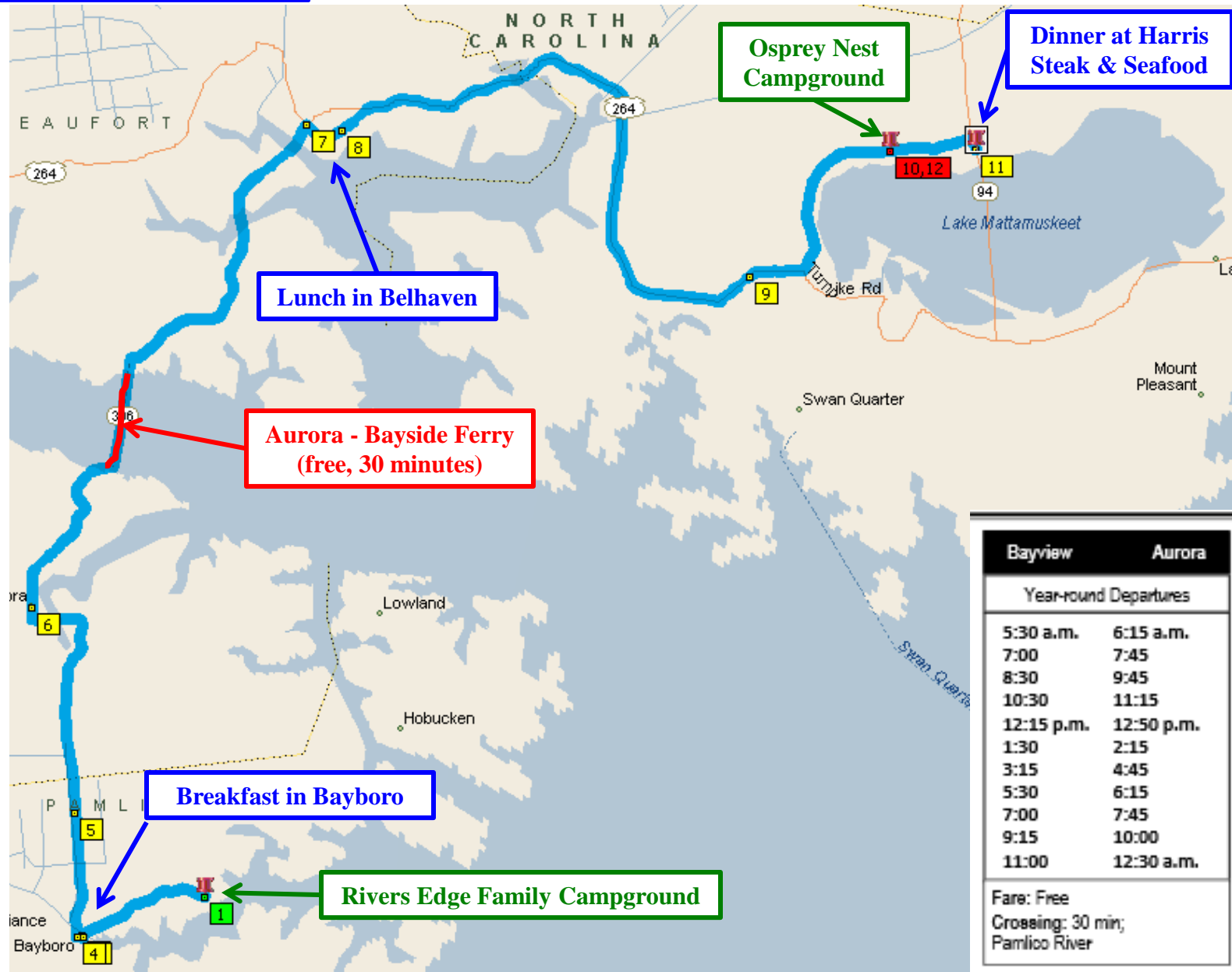
Day 6–Wednesday, May 14

We will stop for lunch at the Toucan Grill and Fresh Bar in Oriental, NC



Day 7 – Thursday, May 15
Rivers Edge Campground to Osprey
Nest Campground – 75.3 miles

We will be away from the bustle of the Outer Banks and will have a chance to enjoy quiet country roads. We will cycle to breakfast in Bayboro, take a ferry from Aurora to Bayside, stop for lunch in Belhaven, and continue to camp on Lake Mattamuskeet, NC's largest natural lake.



Bayview	Aurora
Year-round Departures	
5:30 a.m.	6:15 a.m.
7:00	7:45
8:30	9:45
10:30	11:15
12:15 p.m.	12:50 p.m.
1:30	2:15
3:15	4:45
5:30	6:15
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9:15	10:00
11:00	12:30 a.m.
Fare: Free	
Crossing: 30 min;	
Pamlico River	



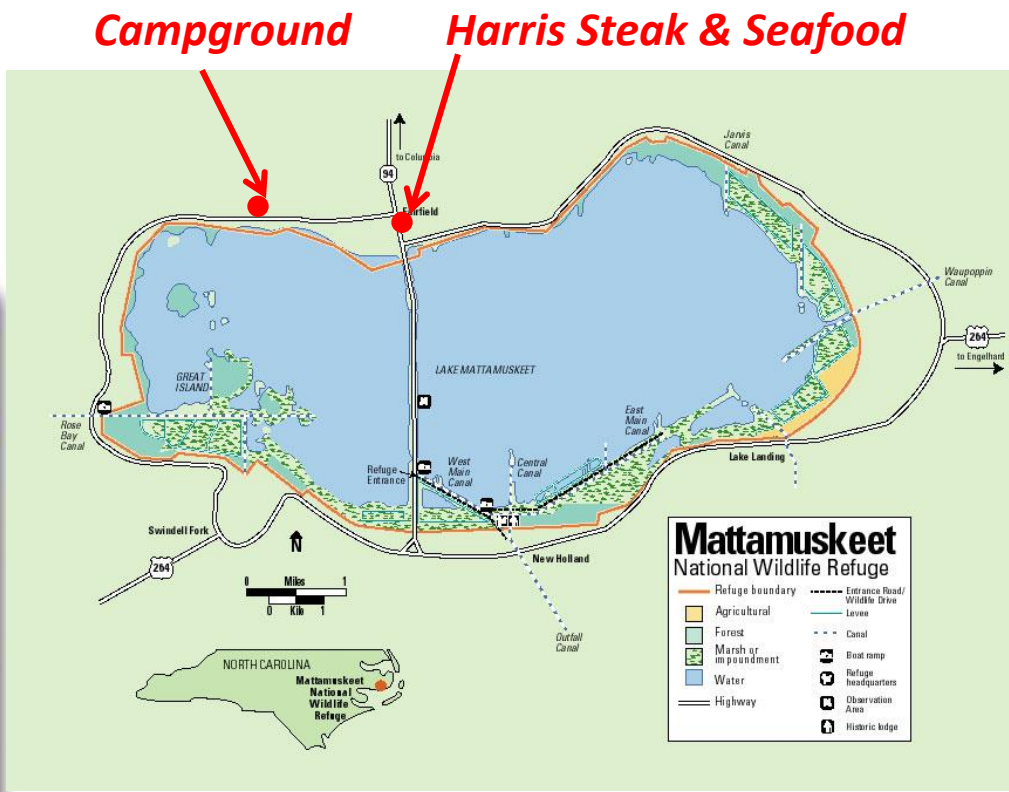
We camp at the Osprey Nest Campground on Lake Mattamuskeet. This area is very remote and is popular for duck hunting. The campground hosts recommended Harris Steak & Seafood. We will set up camp and cycle 3 miles to this restaurant for dinner.



Osprey Nest Camp Ground
6234 PINEY WOODS RD
FAIRFIELD , NC , 27826
Phone: (252) 926-4491
Email: ospreynestcampground@yahoo.com

We would love to hear from you. Please send us an email and tell us about your experience as a camper at Osprey Nest. Include your permission for us to print it. We welcome your feedback!

Rates
\$25.00 per night
\$15.00 tent camping per night

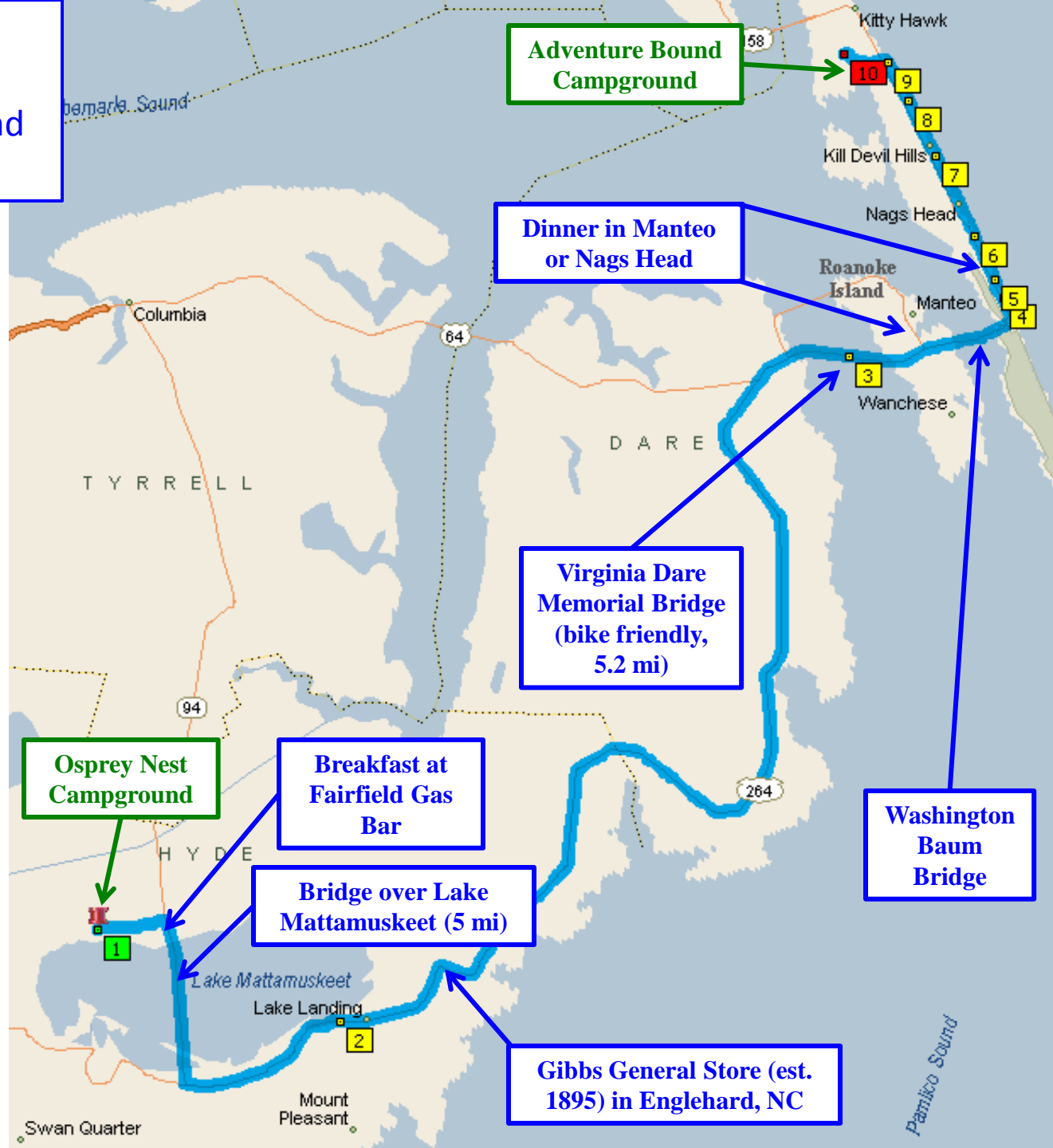


The bridge across Lake Mattamuskeet is 5 miles long!

Day 8 – Friday, May 16

Osprey Nest Campground to
Adventure Bound Campground
(Kitty Hawk) – 87.8 miles

We will leave camp, stop for a breakfast sandwich at the Fairfield Gas Bar, and then enjoy an early morning 5-mile ride across Lake Mattamuskeet. We will stop at Gibbs General Store in Englehard and then won't see much for the rest of the day in this remote area. We will eat a packed lunch and will cross the 5.2-mile Virginia Dare Memorial Bridge into Manteo. We will stop for dinner either in Manteo (a charming town) or in Nags Head and will end our day back at the Adventure Bound Campground from Day 1.



Day 8 – Friday, May 16

Check out this feature on Gibbs Store by UNC-TV:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pAt3pJNP7mk>



Day 8 – Friday, May 16

If Day 8 wasn't one of our longer days, it would be nice to spend more time in the charming town of Manteo. We may have a chance to stop there for dinner and see some of the nice shops, restaurants, and enjoy its beautiful waterfront.



Day 9 – Saturday, May 17
Adventure Bound Campground (Kitty Hawk) to Virginia Beach – 84.3 miles

We will retrace the Day 1 route as we head back to Virginia Beach. We will eat breakfast in Kitty Hawk before heading across the Wright Memorial Bridge. We will stop in Currituck at Frog Island Seafood and try to time our lunch to make either the 11am or the 1pm ferry to Knotts Island. The Knotts Island ferry is popular with cyclists. Look for osprey and other birds nesting on the channel markers along the ferry route.

