

Outer Banks II Tour

Saturday, May 9 to
Friday, May 15



Day 1 – Chippokes State
Park Campground

2015 Outer Banks Tour

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Day 2 – Merchants Millpond
State Park Campground

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significance other than showing
the direction of travel (1-58)

Day 3 – Pettigrew State
Park Campground (on
Lake Phelps)

Causeway across Lake
Mattamuskeet (5 miles)

Swan Quarter – Ocracoke
Ferry (2 h, 40 min)

Start & End - Virginia Beach

Knotts Island – Currituck
Ferry (40 min)

Wright Memorial Bridge

Day 6 - Adventure Bound
Campground (Hostel) in Kitty Hawk

Bonner Bridge
(Oregon Inlet)

Hatteras - Ocracoke Ferry
(60 min)

Day 5 – Frisco Woods
Campground

Day 4 – Ocracoke Campground



Outer Banks Tour - Join us in cycling the scenic Outer Banks! We will take 3 ferries and enjoy cycling along North Carolina's beautiful beaches. Other trip highlights include:

- Visit Edenton, NC (this charming town was NC's first colonial capitol).
- A very short day (21 miles) between Ocracoke and Hatteras giving time to explore, visit the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum, visiting the Hatteras Island Lighthouse, etc.

Outer Banks: May 9-15, 2015

Trip Day	Day of Week	Date	Starting Location	Ending Location	Miles	Ferries	Things to See and Do
1	Sat	9-May	Virginia Beach	Chippokes State Park Campground	79.8		Mileage includes cycling to Surry for dinner (12.8 mi RT). Cooking in camp is another option.
2	Sun	10-May	Chippokes State Park Campground	Merchants Millponds State Park Campground	69.0		Canoe rental Alligators!
3	Mon	11-May	Merchants Millponds State Park Campground	Pettigrew State Park (Lake Phelps)	67.1		Visit Edenton, NC Edenton Bay Cruises Roanoke River Lighthouse Laundry!
4	Tue	12-May	Pettigrew State Park (Lake Phelps)	Ocracoke Campground	74.4	<i>Swan Quarter - Ocracoke Ferry</i> (\$3/bike, 2 h, 40min)	Cycle 5 miles across Lake Matamuskeet (NC's largest natural lake) Dinner in Ocracoke
5	Wed	13-May	Ocracoke Campground	Frisco Woods Campground	23.4	<i>Ocracoke Island - Hatteras Ferry</i> (free, 60 minutes)	Short day! Explore Ocracoke (late breakfast) Ocracoke Lighthouse <i>Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum in Hatteras</i> Hatteras Island Lighthouse
6	Thu	14-May	Frisco Woods Campground	Adventure Bound Campground	72.6		Bodie Island Lighthouse Wright Memorial Museum
7	Fri	15-May	Adventure Bound Campground	Virginia Beach	83.7	<i>Knotts Island - Currituck Ferry</i> (free, 45 minutes)	

Total: 470

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



Bonner Bridge over Oregon Inlet (2.5 mi) – Day 6



Wright Memorial Bridge (3 mi) – Day 7



Bridge over Albemarle Sound on US 32 near Edenton, NC (3.5 mi) – Day 3



**Bodie Island
Lighthouse**



**Hatteras
Lighthouse**

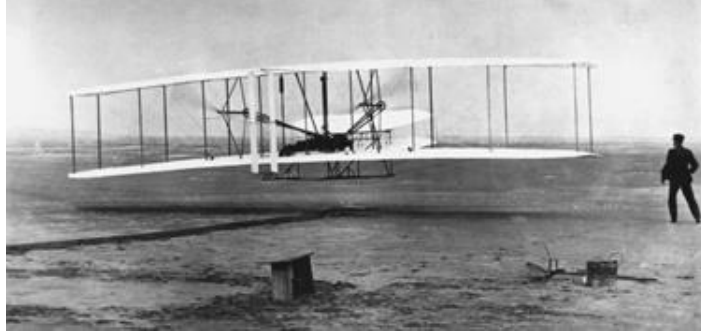


**Ocracoke
Lighthouse**



**Roanoke River Lighthouse
(Edenton, NC)**

Outer Banks, NC



Wright Brothers Memorial – Kill Devil Hills



Ocracoke Ferry



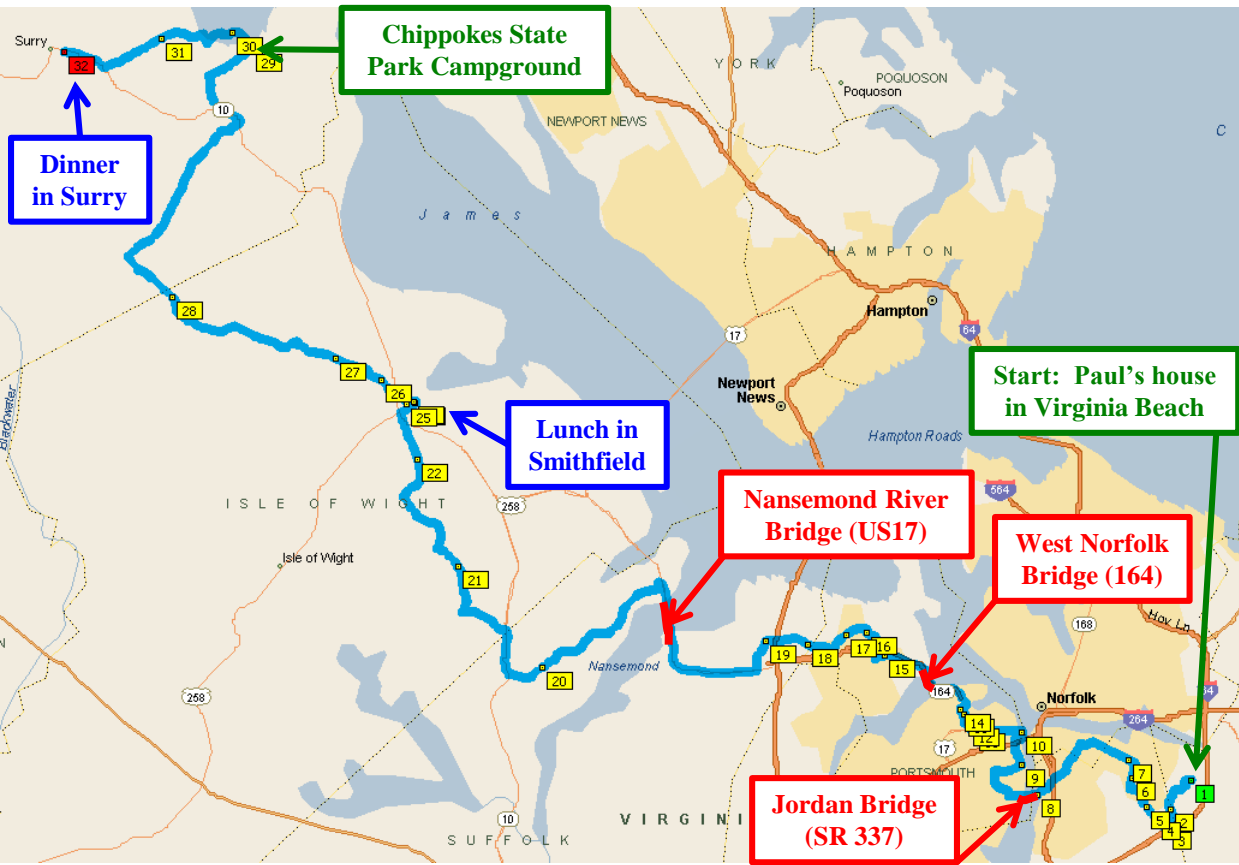
Endless beaches

Day 1 – Saturday, May 9

Virginia Beach to Chippokes Plantation State Park Campground - 67.8 miles
(+ 12 bonus RT miles to Surry for dinner)



We will leave from Paul's house in Virginia Beach. We will cycle through parts of Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Norfolk, and Portsmouth as we exit the Tidewater area, including several major river crossings. We will transition into quiet farmlands and will stop at historic Smithfield (MP47) for lunch. We will continue along rural roads until we reach Chippokes State Park where we will camp. The park includes scenic cliffs along the James River. After setting up camp, we can cook in camp or cycle an extra 10 miles (RT, unloaded) to Surry and back for dinner at Anna's Italian Restaurant (a local favorite).



Day 1 – Saturday, May 9



Smithfield Ice Cream Shop
(deli and hot subs)



Anna's Italian Restaurant
Surry, VA



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Chippokes Plantation State Park is a combination of natural history, cultural history, and outdoor activities. Situated on the James River, this beautiful park offers visitors a sprawling recreation site with a swimming pool, campgrounds, cabins, picnic areas, equestrian trails, James River beach access and visitors' center. Our farm museum, along with the original plantation, historic houses and farm buildings, lets you step back into time and offers a glimpse into the early history of Virginia.

One of the oldest continuously operated plantations in the nation, Chippokes Plantation State Park is one of the George Washington Birthplace



Jordan Bridge – MP9



West Norfolk Bridge – MP17



Nansemond River Bridge – MP29

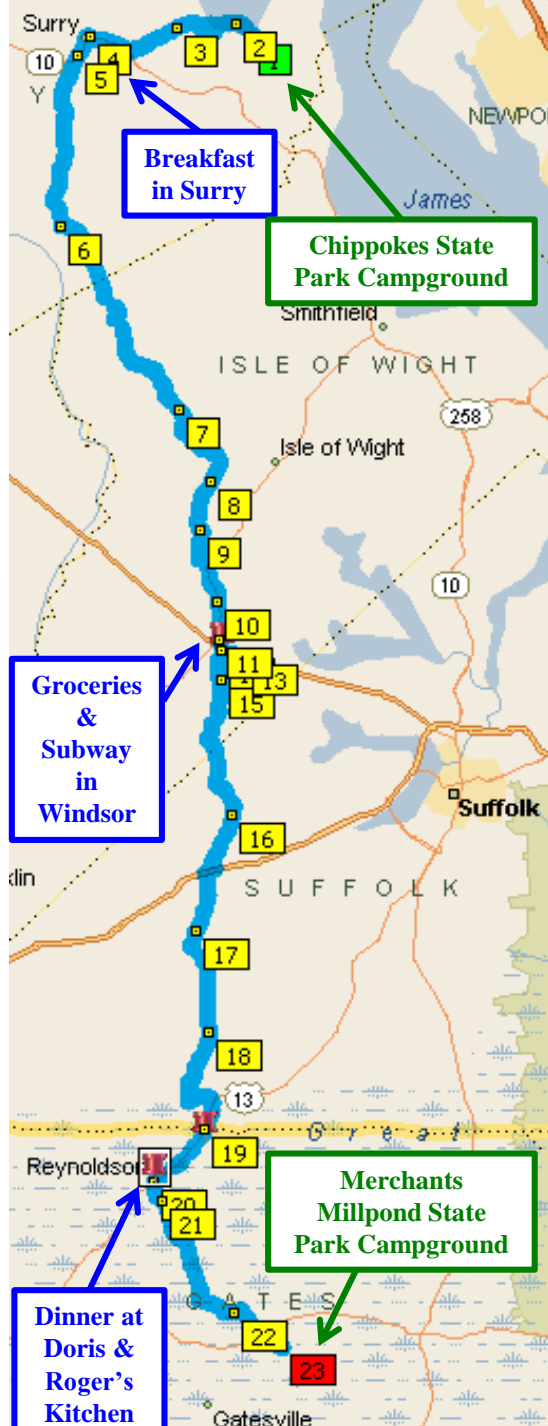
Day 2 – Sunday, May 10
Chippokes Plantation State Park Campground to Merchants Millpond State Park – 69.4 miles

We will cycle 7 miles into Surry for breakfast. The Citco at the corner of 10 and 31 (the only traffic light in Surry) serves quick breakfast items (breakfast sandwiches, biscuits, etc) from 5am – 10am. We will pass through Windsor, VA at about MP35 where we can stop for groceries at Food Lion (Subway and some other fast food restaurants also available). We will stop for dinner at Doris and Roger’s Kitchen in Gates, NC (6am-8pm). This restaurant looks like an attractive house (see below).

Merchants Millpond State Park is an amazing park. If we arrive early a canoe trip is recommended, but watch out for the alligators! See the next slide for more information.



Doris and Roger's Kitchen



Merchants Millpond State Park » Hours of Operation

Park Hours

November - February, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

March and October, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

April, May, September, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

<http://www.ncparks.gov/Visit/parks/memi/main.php>

An "enchanted forest," primitive species of fish relatively unchanged over millions of years, towering bald cypress trees with massive trunks, luxuriant growths of Spanish moss - this is Merchants Millpond State Park. Here, coastal pond and southern swamp forest mingle, creating one of North Carolina's rarest ecological communities. Together with upland forests, these environments create a haven for wildlife and humanity alike.



Canoe Rental Fees

First Hour --- \$5/hour

Additional Hours --- \$3/hour



Canoeing: Rent a canoe or bring your own; the best way to explore Merchants Millpond is by gliding across the park's placid, shallow waters. A boat ramp and pier near the parking area offer access to the water. Marked canoe trails lead from the boat ramp to canoe campsites. Or, venture out of the millpond and take slow-moving, dark-water Bennetts Creek through Lassiter Swamp. Here, park visitors are transported into a world of mistletoe, hanging Spanish moss and ancient cypress trees.

Facility: Twenty drive-to campsites (non-electric). A picnic table and grill are at each campsite.

Location: Highway 158 entrance.

Accommodates: Up to six persons per site.

Nearby Amenities: Washhouse with drinking water, restrooms and showers.

Available: Year-round.

Reservations Required: Reservations are strongly advised. Any unreserved sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Accessible: Site 14 is accessible.

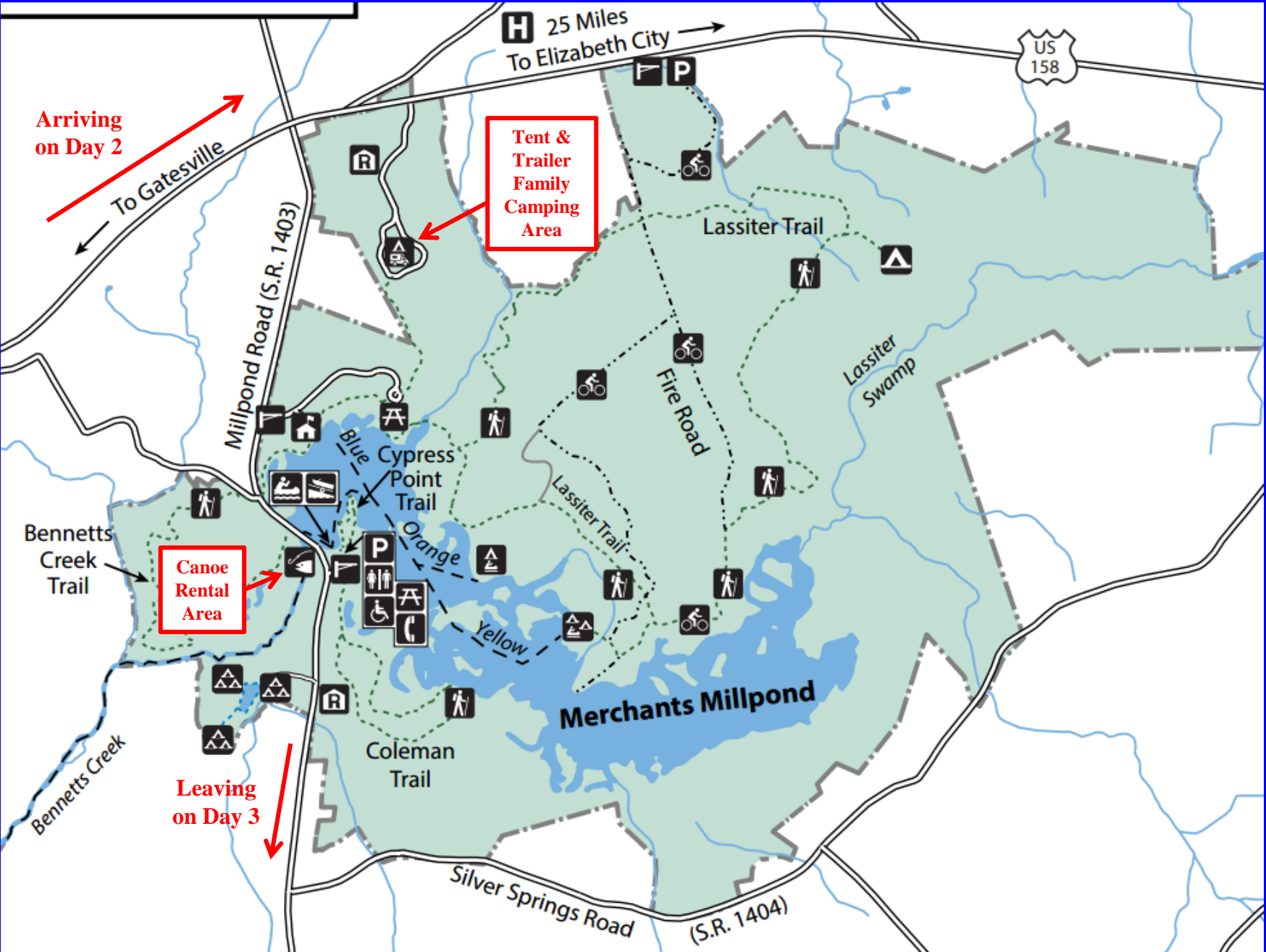
Drive-to / Walk-in Camping Fees (no electrical / no water hookups):

(Water, restrooms and shower facilities.)

Picnic table and grill on campsite --- \$20/day

Senior citizen (62 or older) --- \$15/day

Day 2 – Sunday, May 10

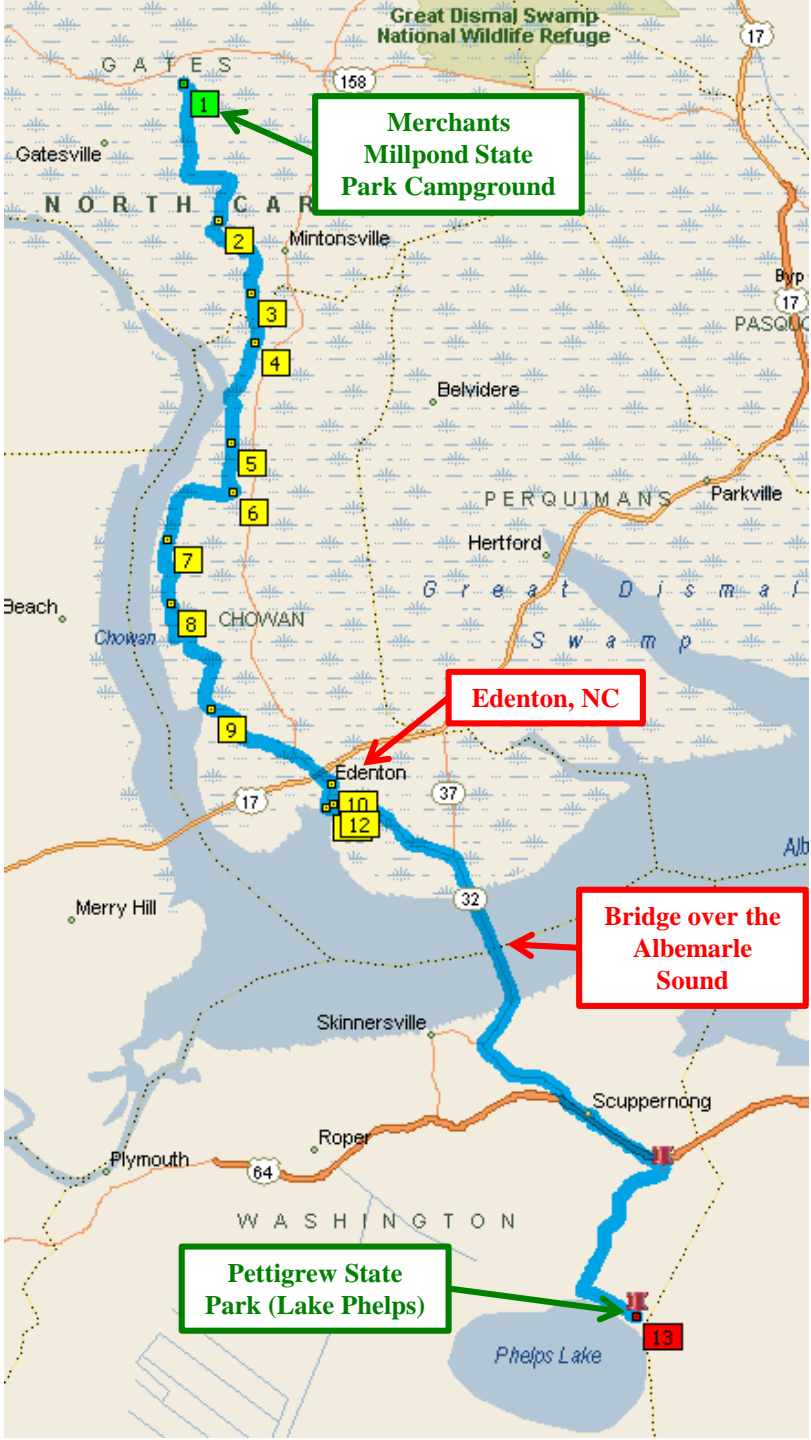


Day 3 – Monday, May 11
Merchants Millpond State Park to
Pettigrew State Park – 66.8 miles

A highlight of Day 3 will be visiting Edenton, NC, a charming small southern city with lots of history and architecture. We will arrive in Edenton at around mile 35 in the trip, and should have time to visit for a couple of hours and to eat lunch (and do laundry). There will be several choices of things to do. See the next two slides for more details. Additional slides have information on Lake Pettigrew State Park.



3.5 mile bridge over the Albemarle Sound





Roanoke River Lighthouse

Kayak rentals along the Edenton waterfront

Colonial Courthouse



Edenton Trolley - The guided tour will show you all the notable sites throughout the Historic District and into the Edenton Cotton Mill and Mill village. You'll learn what Edenton was like during colonial times. 10:30, 11:30, 1:30, or 2:30. \$10.00

Edenton Bay Cruises aboard the “Liber-Tea”
Themed cruises available Thursday - Monday at 11:30 am, 12:30 pm, 2:30 pm, 3:30 pm weather permitting aboard a 22' all electric eco-friendly launch that comfortably accommodates 6 passengers. Located across from the Penelope Barker House Welcome Center in Colonial Park on South Broad Street.

Start here—

**1 The Penelope Barker House
Welcome Center**

Waterfront historic house offering information and maps, trolley tours of historic sites, exhibits, restrooms and a book and gift shop. Known as 'Edenton's Living Room', a nice place to relax and enjoy the views of Edenton Bay. Open daily 10AM-4PM

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505 South Broad Street
252.482.7800
ehnc.com



Sites to
Visit...

**2 1767 Chowan County
Courthouse***

The most intact Colonial courthouse in America, the structure has been restored and is now open for guided tours and community events. Joseph Hewes, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, was one of the commissioners appointed to raise money for its construction. Judges James Iredell and Samuel Johnston, prominent Revolutionary patriots, heard cases here. The Courthouse Green runs from the Courthouse to the Revolutionary War cannon fronting Edenton Bay, and is lined with historic private homes. Open Tues-Sat, 9AM - 3PM

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6 Edenton Harbor
Offers protected dockage with nine transient boat slips.
rest rooms with showers, a playground,
picnic tables and grills, and kayak rentals and launch.

Edenton



7 1886 Roanoke River Lighthouse

Relocated to the park in 2007; will be open to the public as a State Historic Site in the future.

P PUBLIC PARKING

Guided Walking Tours

Start at:
Historic Edenton State Historic Site*
10am, 11am, 2pm, 3pm

Guided Trolley Tours

Start at:
Penelope Barker House Welcome Center*
Tuesday - Saturday
10:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm, 2:30pm
More Info and photos of trolley ...

Guided Boat Tours

Edenton Bay Cruises aboard the LIBER-TEA
Edenton Town Dock
860-367-5786
Thursday - Monday
11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30
Weather permitting

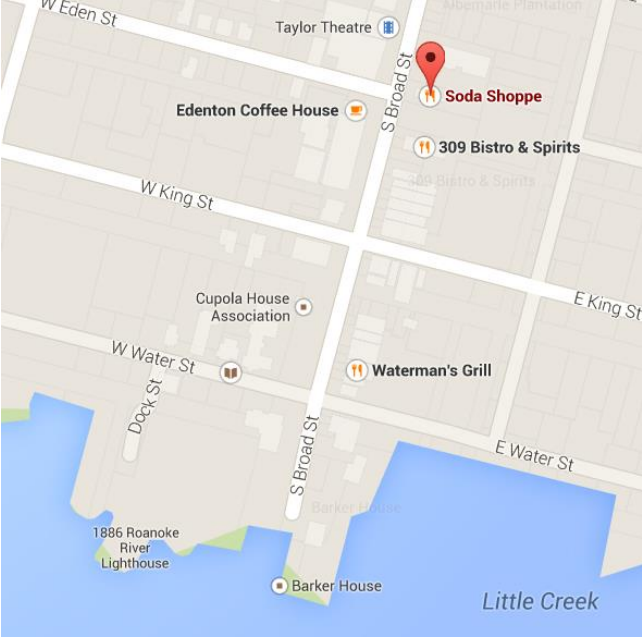
Downtown Café and Soda Shoppe



For a great milkshake, be sure to stop by the Downtown Cafe and Soda Shoppe!

Fresh sandwiches, fresh salads, ice cream, sundaes, floats and milkshakes. Mon-Fri 11am-5:00pm; Sat 11:00am-4:30pm.

Contact:	Frank Jones
Address:	301 South Broad Street
Phone:	252-482-8300
Email:	downtowncafe.sodashoppe@gmail.com
Map:	See location on map



Nothin' Fancy Cafe and Market



Made from scratch home cooking of regional southern meals is the core of the menu, with specialty salads, and sandwiches to suit diverse tastes. Other highlights include a children-friendly environment, curry on Fridays, homemade desserts, and our famous cornbread.

The periphery of the dining area, which has expanded its seating capacity from 85 to 150, is filled with retail items - collectibles, antiques, fine arts, jewelry, unusual greeting cards, gourmet baked goods, furniture, the unique and cute.

Altogether, the cafe and market is a unique shopping and dining experience. Open Tue-Sat 11am-8pm; Sun & Mon 11am-2:30pm.

Contact:	Gail Singh
Address:	701C North Broad Street
Phone:	252-482-1909
Map:	See location on map

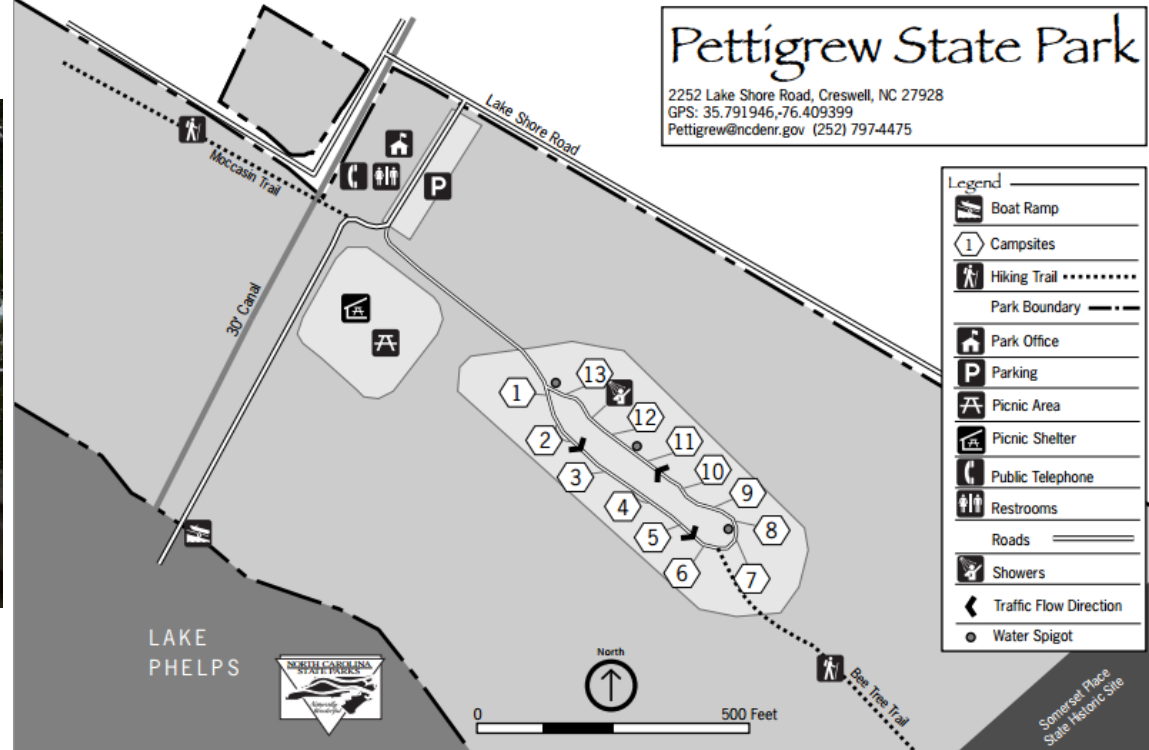


The Wash House Laundry

524 A Coke Ave, Edenton

- Large Capacity Washers
- Large Capacity Dryers
- Up-Front Parking
- Flat Screen TV
- Snack & Drink Machines
- Open 24 Hours

Lake Pettigrew State Park – Day 3



Alert: Visitors using GPS or Google Maps to reach Pettigrew State Park ... details ±

People using GPS and Google Maps are experiencing incorrect directions to Pettigrew State Park. Please do not rely on the directions given by GPS to get you to the park. It is not possible to get to the park office going down Holland Road. To get to the park office take Hwy 64 toward Creswell. Take exit 558 (Alligood Rd). Follow the signs approximately 8 miles to the park entrance. All roads leading to the main park entrance are paved. For more information call (252)797-4475

Camping: Family camping: The family campground is located between the park office and Somerset Place. Thirteen campsites, each with a picnic table and grill, are well-suited for tents and trailers. Water and restrooms with showers are nearby.

The edge of a cypress/sweetgum forest furnishes a shaded area for some of the campsites while others are located in an open, grassy meadow.

Group camping: The campground is surrounded by a forested area and has easy access to Lake Phelps via a 740-foot boardwalk trail. Primitive camping facilities include tent pads, a fire ring, vault toilet and potable water.

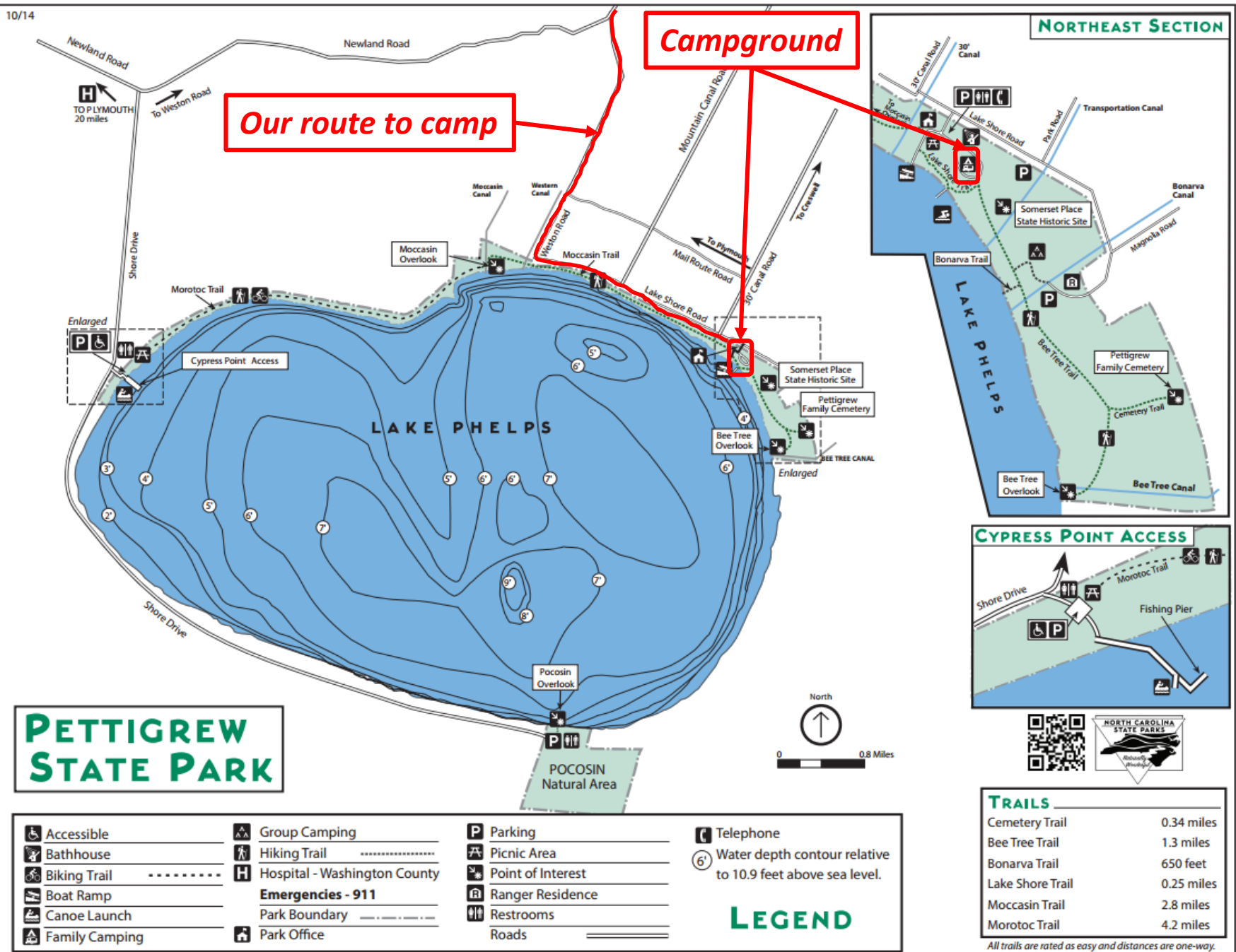
Biking: Enjoy biking through the beautiful scenery along the way to Somerset Place State Historic Site. Bikers can travel through the park to all of the points of interest and the many scenic overlooks.

For a leisurely ride, bike along the National Wildlife Refuge roads.



Lake Pettigrew State Park – Day 3

A larger map is available at the park office or the park store (www.ncparkstore.com)

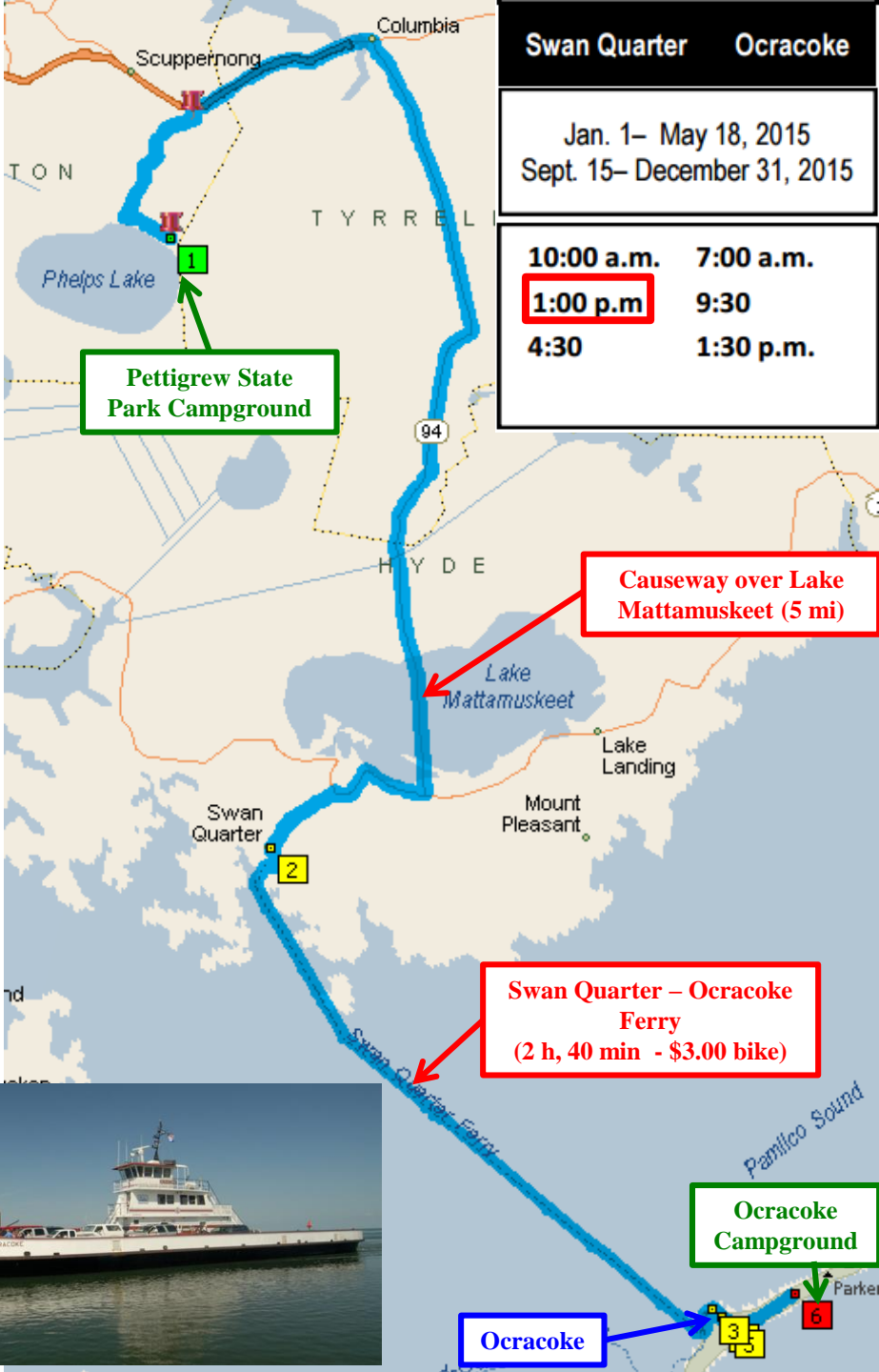


Day 4 – Tuesday, May 12
Pettigrew State Park to Ocracoke Campground
– 66.5 miles (+8 miles RT for dinner)

We will get an early start to make sure that we make the 1pm ferry from Swan Quarter to Ocracoke (at the 62.2 mile point). We could catch the 4:30 ferry as an emergency backup plan.

- 1:00 pm ferry – Arrive in Ocracoke at 3:40 pm
- 4:30 pm ferry – Arrive in Ocracoke at 7:10 pm

We will stop at a grocery to get lunch items to eat on the ferry and enjoy the trip across the Pamlico Sound. When we arrive in Ocracoke, we can cycle 4 miles to camp, set up camp, and return for dinner.



Day 4 – Ocracoke Campground

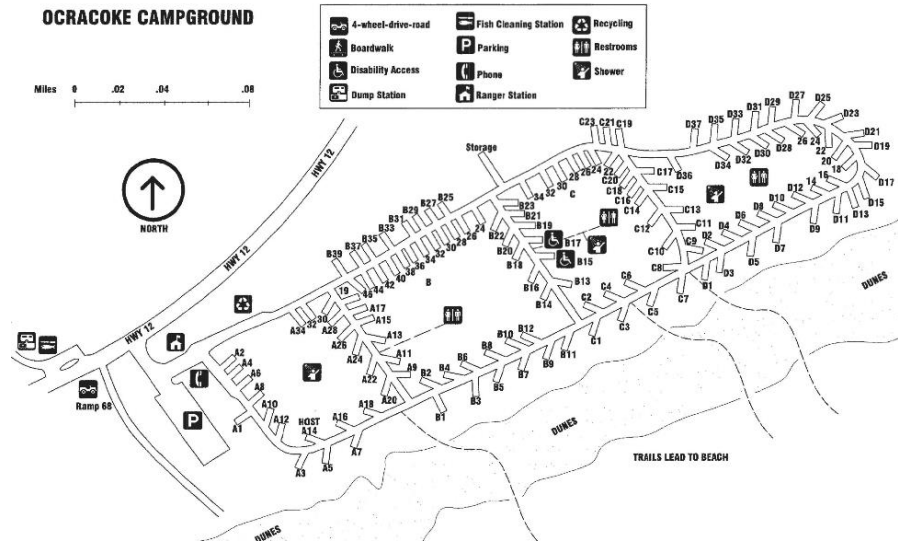
The campground is located 4 miles from Ocracoke Village. We can set up camp on Day 4 and then cycle to back Ocracoke for dinner. Day 5 will be a short day, so we can cycle to Ocracoke for a late breakfast.



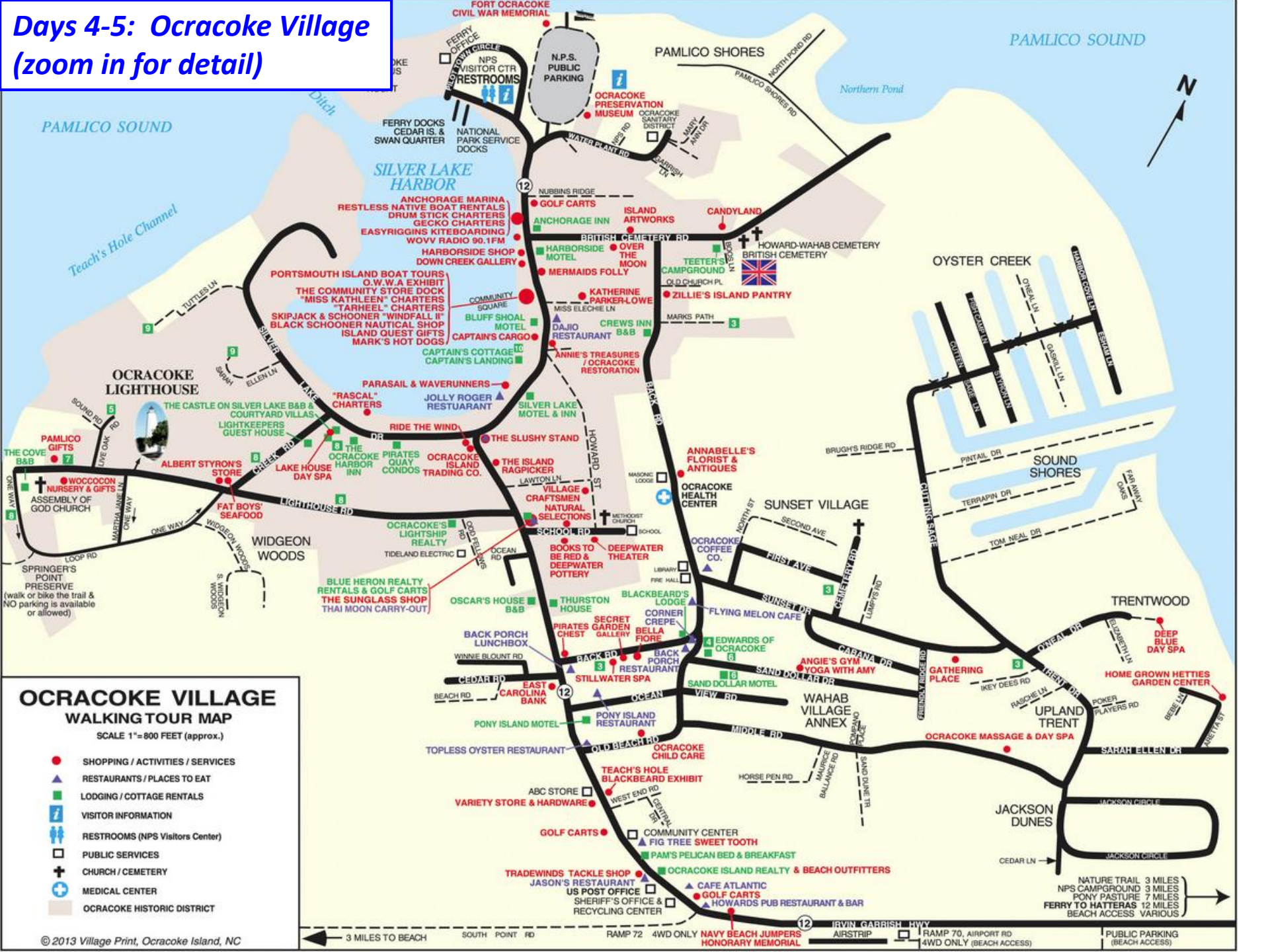
Facilities:

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.

OCRACOKE CAMPGROUND



***Days 4-5: Ocracoke Village
(zoom in for detail)***



Days 4-5 – 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).

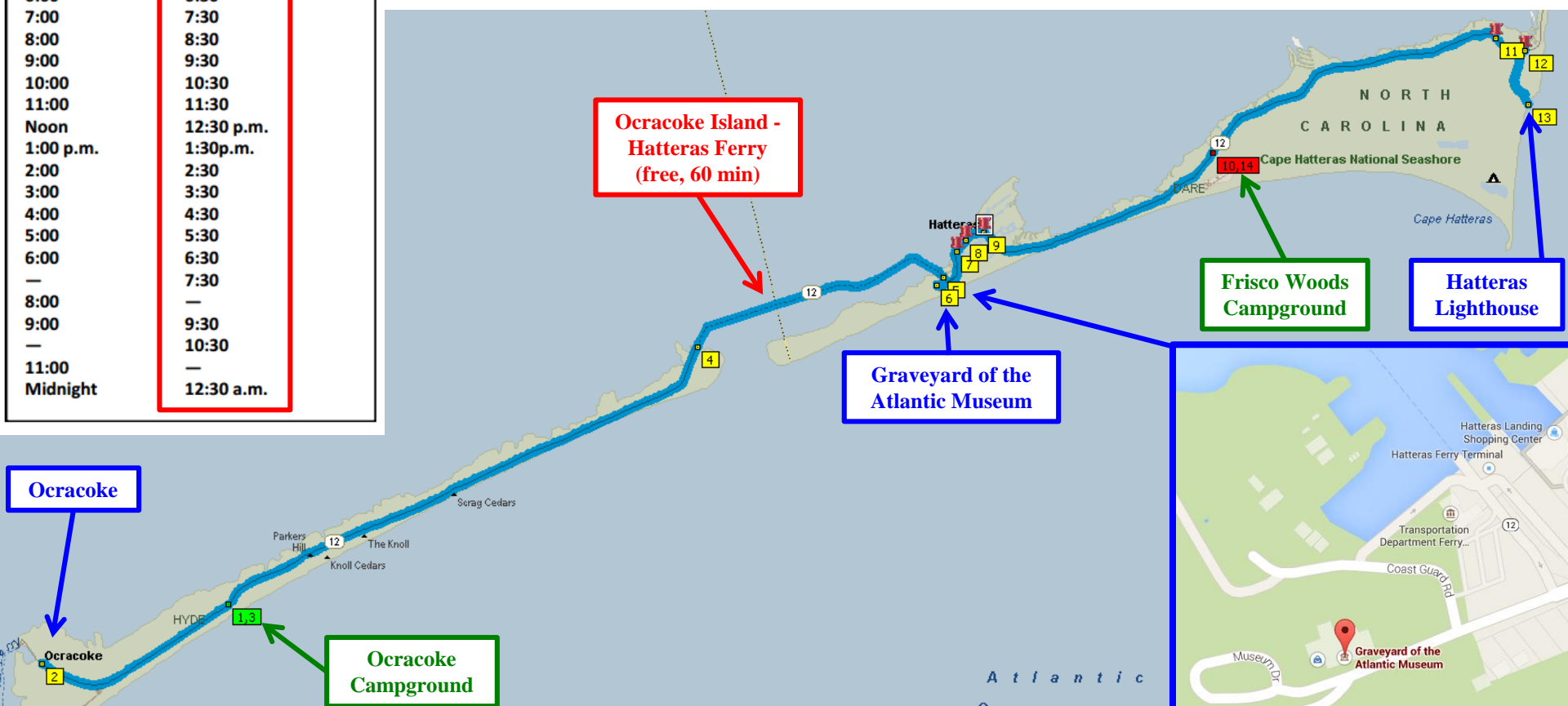
<http://www.nps.gov/caha/planyourvisit/visitor-centers.htm>

Day 5 – Wednesday, May 13 - Ocracoke Campground to Frisco Campground – 23.4 miles

This will be a short day so we can cycle to Ocracoke (4 mi) for leisurely breakfast (8am?) and then back to camp to pack up. We will cycle 9.6 miles to the ferry (it leaves on the half-hour). After departing from the ferry we can cycle 0.3 miles to the **Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum**

(highly recommended). After the museum we can stop nearby for lunch and groceries. We will reach the Frisco Woods Campground having cycled only 23.4 miles total, but bonus miles can be added by cycling to the Hatteras Lighthouse (14.5 miles RT from camp)! Restaurants are available in Frisco for dinner near camp.

Hatteras	Ocracoke
Jan. 1 – March 30, 2015 April 14– May 5, 2015 November 10– December 31, 2015 Departures	
5:00 a.m.	4:30 a.m.
6:00	6:30
7:00	7:30
8:00	8:30
9:00	9:30
10:00	10:30
11:00	11:30
Noon	12:30 p.m.
1:00 p.m.	1:30p.m.
2:00	2:30
3:00	3:30
4:00	4:30
5:00	5:30
6:00	6:30
—	7:30
8:00	—
9:00	9:30
—	10:30
11:00	—
Midnight	12:30 a.m.



Day 5 – 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://GraveyardoftheAtlanticMuseum.com)

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.

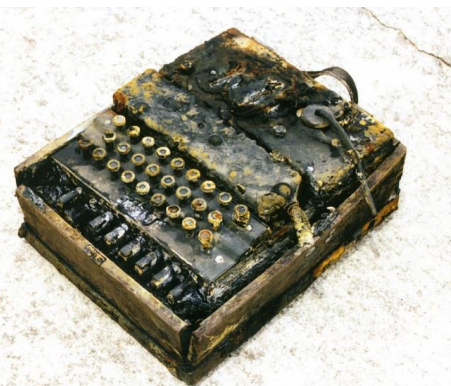
The Museum serves its diverse audiences in order to inspire appreciation, encourage discovery, and promote and an active, responsible understanding of the maritime heritage of the Outer Banks itself and in relation to that of the United States and the broader history of seafaring.

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.

Check out a recent article on a World War II “Enigma Machine” on display at the museum:

<http://hamptonroads.com/2015/03/wwii-german-code-machine-now-relic-nc>



Day 5 – Hatteras Lighthouse and Visitor Center

Lighthouse Climbing: 9:00 – 4:30.

Visitor Center: 9:00 – 5:00.

Climbing the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse

Climbing the historic Cape Hatteras Lighthouse is a unique experience. The climb is self-paced and provides views from the tallest brick lighthouse in North America.

The Cape Hatteras Lighthouse is open from the third Friday in April through Columbus Day. Climbing hours are 9 am to 4:30 pm daily in the spring and fall, and 9 am to 5:30 pm the Friday of Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Tickets are required.

Tickets

Climbing tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens (62 or older), children (11 and under, and at least 42" tall), and the disabled. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis and can only be purchased in-person at the site the day of the climb. There are no advance ticket sales for regular climbs.

Ticket sales begin at 8:15 am and climbs begin at 9 am, running every 10 minutes with a limit of 30 visitors per climb. Ticket sales close at 4:30 pm in the spring and fall, and 5:30 pm the Friday of Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Ticket holders should arrive at the base of the lighthouse five minutes prior to their ticketed climb time.

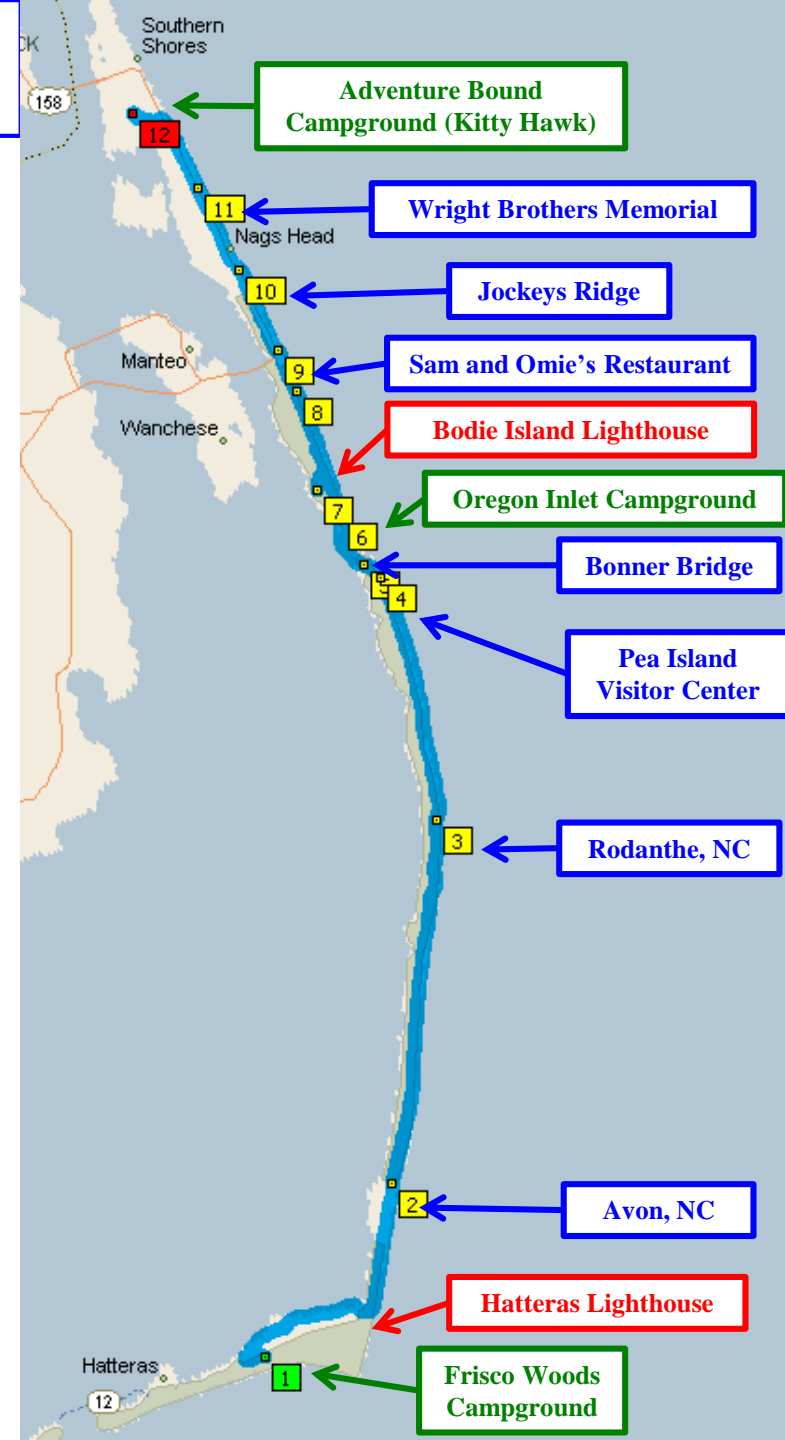
Note: The Hatteras Lighthouse and the Visitor Center will be open, but the **Museum of the Sea** will not open until the Friday before Memorial Day.



***The tallest brick
lighthouse in America!
(257 steps – equivalent
to a 12-story building)***

Day 6 – Thursday, May 14 Frisco Campground to Adventure Bound Campground (Kitty Hawk) – 72.6 miles

We will cycle 6.1 miles to breakfast in Buxton and then begin a long trek northward along the Outer Banks (hopefully with a tailwind this year)! We can stop for lunch near Waves or Rodanthe (MP30) or else wait until Sam and Omie's Restaurant at around MP57 (most likely choice). We may briefly visit the small Pea Island Visitor Center and will probably stop and climb the Bodie Island Light House (we just missed it last year). We will have an exhilarating ride on the 2.5-mile Bonner Bridge (shown below)) over Oregon Inlet and will have wonderful views of the Atlantic Ocean and the Pamlico Sound. The bridge has a small shoulder. There are many restaurants in Kitty Hawk just before camp for dinner.





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.



Atlantic Coast Café (in Waves, NC just before Rodanthe)
Laid-back beachy spot serving breakfast fare & a casual seafood-centric menu at lunch & dinner.

Day 6 – Thursday, May 14 - Bodie Island Lighthouse

Climbing the Bodie Island Lighthouse

At Bodie Island, you have the chance to climb the lighthouse at your own pace and take in the gorgeous natural surroundings of Bodie Island, the Atlantic Ocean, and Pamlico Sound.

The Bodie Island Lighthouse is open from the third Friday in April through Columbus Day (in early October). Climbing hours are 9 am to 4:30 pm daily. Tickets are required.

Tickets

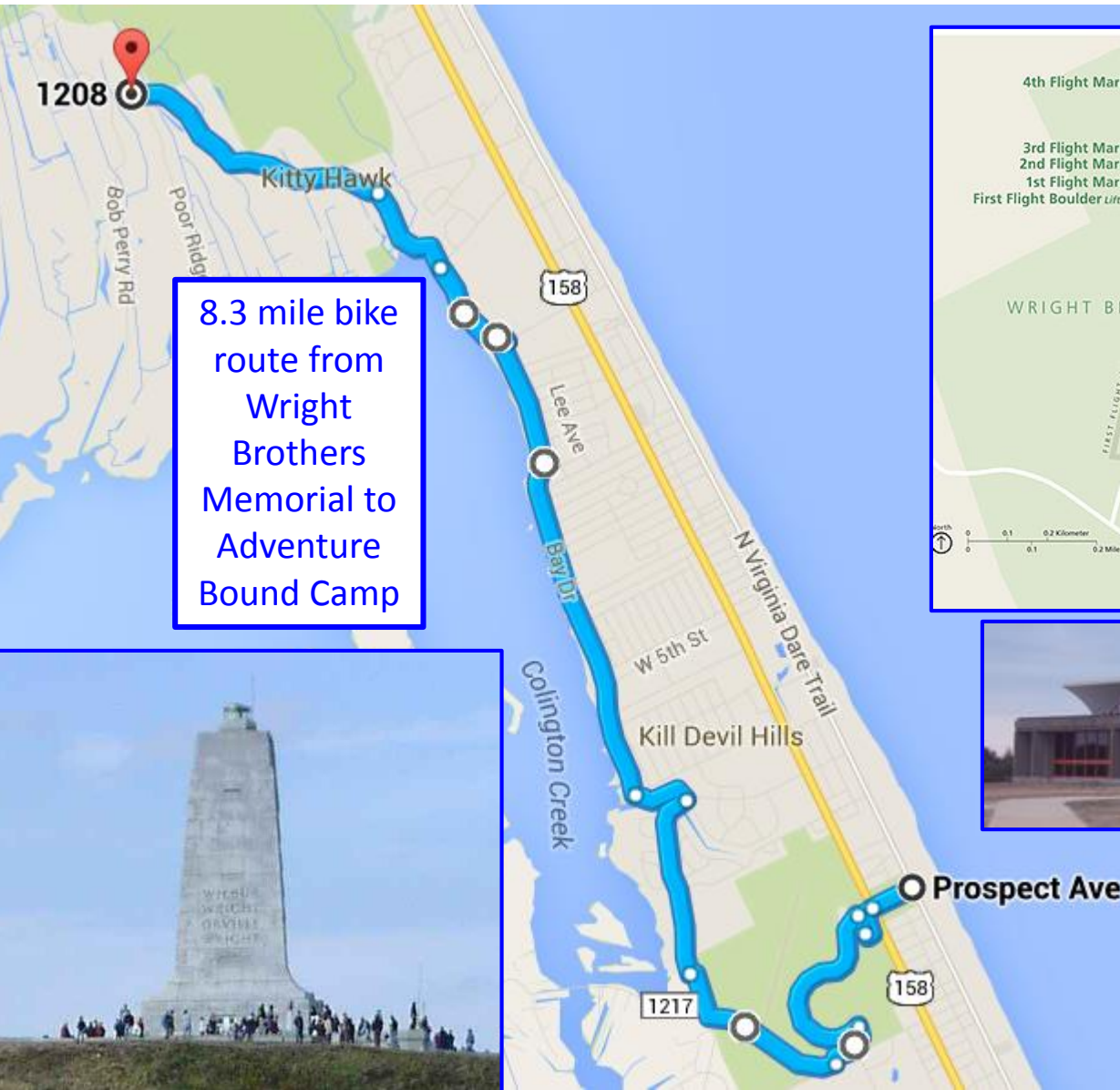
Climbing tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens (62 or older), children 11 years of age and under, and the disabled. Climb tickets are available on a first come, first served basis and can only be purchased in-person at the site the day of the climb. There are no advance ticket sales for regular climbs.

Ticket sales begin at 8:45 am and climbs begin at 9 am, running every 15 minutes with a limit of 12 visitors per climb. Ticket sales close at 4:25 pm. Ticket holders should arrive at the base of the lighthouse five minutes prior to their ticketed climb time.

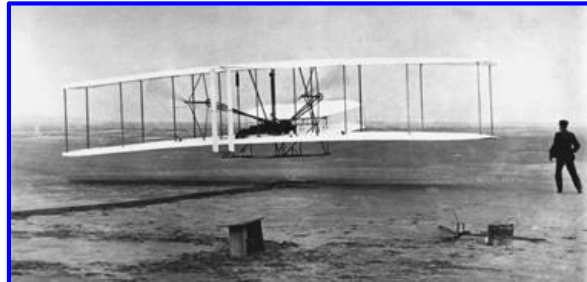


Day 6 – Wright Brothers Memorial

We can stop at the Memorial on the way to camp. Cycling around the Memorial is great fun and gives an impressive view of the area. If time allows, the small museum is open from 9-5 (\$4.00).



8.3 mile bike route from Wright Brothers Memorial to Adventure Bound Camp



Day 7 – Friday, May 15
Adventure Bound Campground (Kitty Hawk) to Virginia Beach – 84.3 miles

We will eat breakfast at a nearby McDonald's in Kitty Hawk before heading across the Wright Memorial Bridge. We will pack a lunch or stop at another McDonald's just before the Currituck - Knotts Island Ferry (11am or 1pm). The ferry is popular with cyclists and is part of our local bike club's Knott's Island Century. Look for osprey and other birds nesting on the channel markers along the ferry route.

