



Alternative Spring Break 2012



March 2 – 11, 2012 | \$65 all inclusive

Hatteras National Seashore & Jockey's Ridge



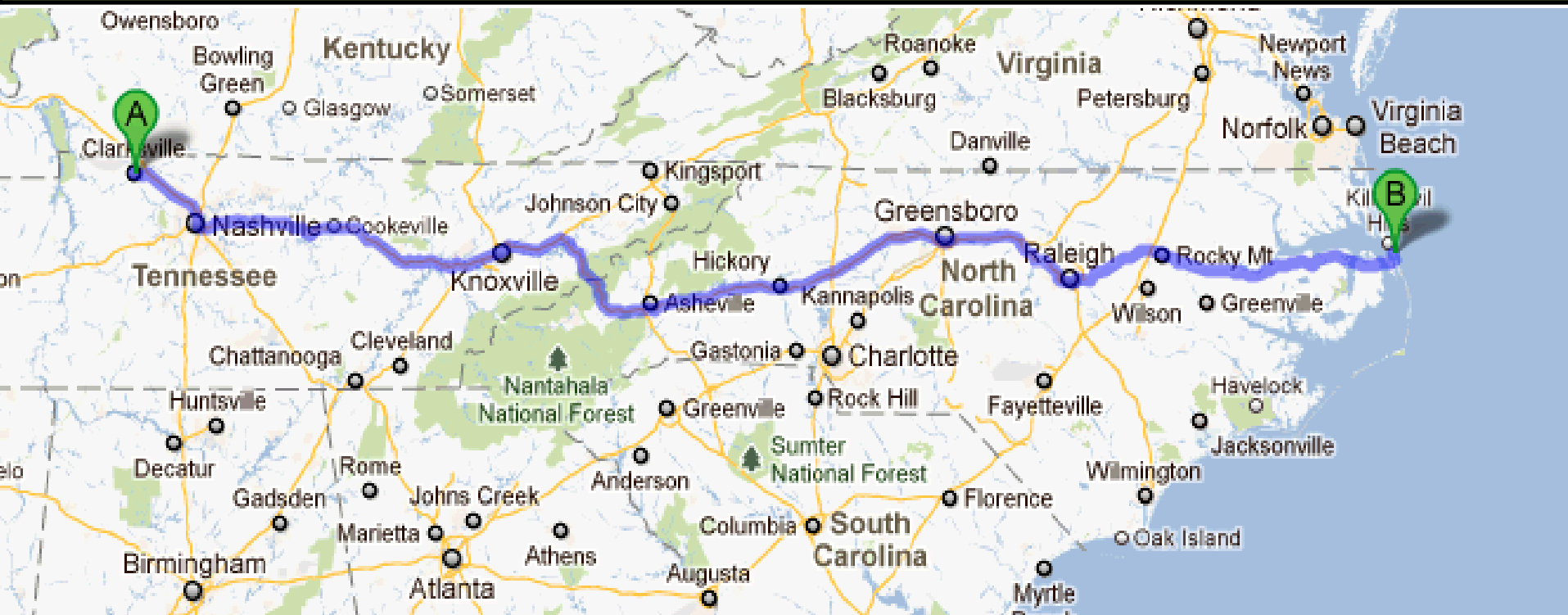
Where are we going?

The **Outer Banks** (also known as **OBX**) is a 200-mile (320-km) long string of narrow barrier islands off the coast of North Carolina, beginning in the southeastern corner of Virginia Beach on the east coast. They cover approximately half the northern North Carolina coastline, separating the Currituck Sound, Albemarle Sound, and Pamlico Sound from the Atlantic Ocean.

The Outer Banks is a major tourist destination and is known for its temperate climate and wide expanse of open beachfront. The treacherous seas off the Outer Banks and the large number of shipwrecks that have occurred there have given these seas the nickname Graveyard of the Atlantic. The Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum is located in Hatteras Village near the United States Coast Guard facility and Hatteras ferry.



Where are we going?



2 day drive – 6 hr drive and a 9 hour drive



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Jockey's Ridge State Park

Jockey's Ridge State Park is located in Nags Head, North Carolina, it covers 426 acres and includes the tallest active sand dune system in the eastern United States. Jockey's Ridge contains three unique ecosystems: the Roanoke Sound, the dune system, and the maritime forest. Often when it rains, water collects near the bottom of the dunes creating a temporary pond, known as a vernal pool. Few fauna can be seen around the dunes, although some types of flora, such as tall grass, may be readily identified closer to the bottom of the dunes. At one time, the dunes of the Outer Banks extended all the way to the southern end of Virginia. Many mariners used the ridge as a landmark in navigation of the area for coastal exploration in the 16th century.





Where are we going?

Hatteras National Seashore

Once dubbed the "Graveyard of the Atlantic" for its treacherous currents, shoals, and storms, Cape Hatteras has a wealth of history relating to shipwrecks, lighthouses, and the US Lifesaving Service. The islands that make up the seashore have been home to Native Americans, farmers, watermen, slaves, lighthouse keepers, surf men, and many others who continue to shape the heritage of the area. The people have witnessed events that include hurricanes, the death of Blackbeard the pirate, Civil War battles, the construction of its now famous lighthouses, the birth of the USCG in the lifesaving stations, hundreds of shipwrecks, Billy Mitchell's test bombings, Reginald Fessenden's first radio broadcasts, the building of dunes by the CCC, scientific strides in weather forecasting, u-boat attacks, and much more.





Where are we doing?

Helping the Coast recover from Hurricane Irene (Aug 2011)

- Cleanup hurricane debris at the interpretative area (large propeller) near the Oregon Inlet Fishing Center
- Cleanup hurricane debris along the soundside shoreline at the Salvo Day Use Area
- Cleanup hurricane debris at soundside access locations
- Cleanup the parking area at the south end of the Bonner Bridge
- Painting the exterior of the Bodie Island Double Keepers Quarters or other historic buildings (Bodie Island Ranger Station or Hilton, etc.)
- Clearing vegetation along the wildlife viewing boardwalk at Bodie Island
- Installing remaining informational signs
- Cleaning the operational areas within the Group
- Cleaning and organizing the Buxton Fire Cache
- Removing vegetation along the south loop of the Salvo Day Use Area



Adventure Day Options

Wright Brothers First Flight – Kittyhawk and Kill Devils Hill

The Wright Brothers Visitor Center

Exhibits and artifacts on the Wright brothers' background and the development of their flying machines are on display. A replica of the 1903 Flyer as well as the Wright Brothers Bookstore at the visitor center.

The Paul E. Garber First Flight Shrine was established in 1966 by the **First Flight Society**, honors individuals and groups that have achieved significant firsts in the development of aviation.

The Centennial Pavilion

Built in 2003, the pavilion exhibit hall houses exhibits dealing with the Outer Banks at the turn-of-the-century, the evolution of aviation, the challenges of flight, the development of the 2003 replica, and NASA-sponsored space exhibits as well as a Gift Shop. Children's programs, special events, and films are presented in the multi-purpose auditorium.



Adventure Day Options

Roanoke Colony – Lost Colony of Virginia Dare (America's first child)

Visitor Center...17 minute orientation film is shown every half hour. A large exhibit area featuring a rotating schedule of exhibits currently has artifacts found on the grounds during recent archaeology digs. The Elizabethan room is perhaps the most fascinating artifact here. Brought to the US by none other than William Randolph Hearst, the room is a preserved wood paneled room from the Elizabethan era. The Visitors center also offers restrooms, a gift shop and interpretive information about the Freedman's Colony which stood near here following the Civil War.

Earthen Fort... restored on the site are associated with England's colonization efforts that were sponsored by Sir Walter Raleigh from 1584 to 1590. An adjacent spot has confirmed evidence of metallurgical activity from the 1585 exploration expedition.

Nature Trail...The Thomas Hariot Nature Trail offers a 20-minute pocket wilderness experience of the island's natural setting. Wayside signs on the trail relate what English explorers observed of the natural resources and the commodities that could be made from them.

Freedom Trail...The Freedom Trail leads 1¼ miles from the nearby Elizabethan Gardens through the park land to the island's western edge, offering a view-shed that the native Algonquians enjoyed from their island home.



Tentative Itinerary

March 1, 2012 - Friday

10 am – Meet in Foy Parking Lot & Depart for VA

8 Hour Drive

7 pm - Arrive in Fancy Gap, VA & spend the night (Stay in Cabin)

March 3, 2012 – Saturday

7 am – Leave Fancy Gap, VA and drive to Nags Head, NC

9 hour drive

5 pm – Arrive at Nags Head/ Manteo camp ground



Tentative Itinerary

March 4, 2012 - Sunday

Explore Day!

First Colony/ Roanoke Island, Wright Brothers Museum

March 5, 2012 - Monday

Volunteer with Jockey's Ridge State Park

March 6, 2012 - Tuesday

Volunteer with Jockey's Ridge State Park

March 7, 2012 - Wednesday

Volunteer with Jockey's Ridge State Park



Tentative Itinerary

March 8, 2012 - Thursday

Volunteer with Cape Hatteras National Seashore

March 9, 2012 - Friday

Volunteer with Cape Hatteras National Seashore

March 10, 2012 - Saturday

½ day volunteer with Cape Hatteras National Seashore

Drive to Fancy Gap, VA (9 hours)

March 11, 2012 - Sunday

Return to campus, Clarksville, TN

6 hour drive



Application Process

Applications

- Are available online and in MUC 211 – please fill out completely, includes short answer questions
- Turn in your application by Feb. 1, 2012 to MUC 211 by 4 pm
Sign up for interview slots while turning in your application
(interviews will be held on Feb 2 & 3)
- Attend your designated interview slot (Approx. 15 min interview)
- Only 8 students can attend the trip
- Attend pre trip meeting #1 (pay the \$65)
- Attend pre trip meeting #2