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2020 ANNUAL REPORT



"The Outer Banks has always been one of our favorite destinations. We are in awe of not only the beautiful beaches and natural habitats for so many species, but also the many important roles that the Outer Banks have played in our history. We treasure the Outer Banks national parks for protecting and preserving this magical area and for continually teaching us new and innovative lessons about its history, conservation and wildlife."

– CAT & CHARLIE LINEBERRY,
FOREVER FOUNDERS



Outer Banks Forever

DIRECTOR'S LETTER:

WHEN EASTERN NATIONAL LAUNCHED Outer Banks Forever in early 2019, our vision was to build a strong foundation of support to protect and enhance these three amazing parks. We carried that vision through our second year of operation, despite the many challenges we all faced as a local and global community.

The Outer Banks national parks have always been a haven for visitors – allowing them glimpses back in time to stories that changed our nation, as well as providing open spaces and opportunities to connect with the beautiful and varied environment on these barrier islands. This past year you helped us stand strong beside our parks and adapt to the ever-changing needs of our community – whether they were here in person or at home – in need of ways to stay connected to this place that truly becomes a part of you after you visit.

One way we helped your parks adapt in 2020 was by supporting virtual learning and experiences. Through these initiatives, we helped engage nearly 80,000 people who enjoyed online experiences like virtual sea turtle nest excavations, virtual field trips, and online events like the 150th anniversary of the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse.

In July 2020, we announced our first round of projects to support your OBX national parks. I am thrilled to report that with the support of our generous donors and sponsors, we have fully funded 4 of those 6 initial projects and are working to implement them with your parks in 2021. These projects will create new ways for you and your family to safely experience your OBX national parks:

- Expanding Digital Aviation Education
- Views from Your Parks Webcams
- Artist in Community
- Mobility Friendly Kayak Launch at Oregon Inlet

In addition to these projects, your support has allowed us to strengthen the bonds between our community and your parks which will in turn only make our impact greater. 2021 is going to be an exciting year for us and your parks. I look forward to our continued work together to protect and enhance these special places.

Jessica Barnes Green

DIRECTOR, OUTER BANKS FOREVER



Park Ranger Amy Johnson, holding a sea turtle hatchling that was rescued from an excavated nest on Ocracoke Island.

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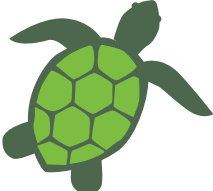
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Nests
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7  Virtual
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Virtual Reach
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"Growing up on the Outer Banks I was lucky to experience our three national parks firsthand. Whether it was a field trip to Fort Raleigh, the 100th anniversary of flight at the Wright Brothers Memorial, or a beach day down on Cape Hatteras National Seashore, all three provide fond memories. I truly believe that these three parks are an integral part of the history, culture and heritage of the Outer Banks of North Carolina."

— NICK GRAHAM, FOUNDING
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Our Forever Founders have invested \$1,000 or more in their OBX national parks since our launch. We are so grateful for their commitment to building a strong foundation of support for our parks.

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