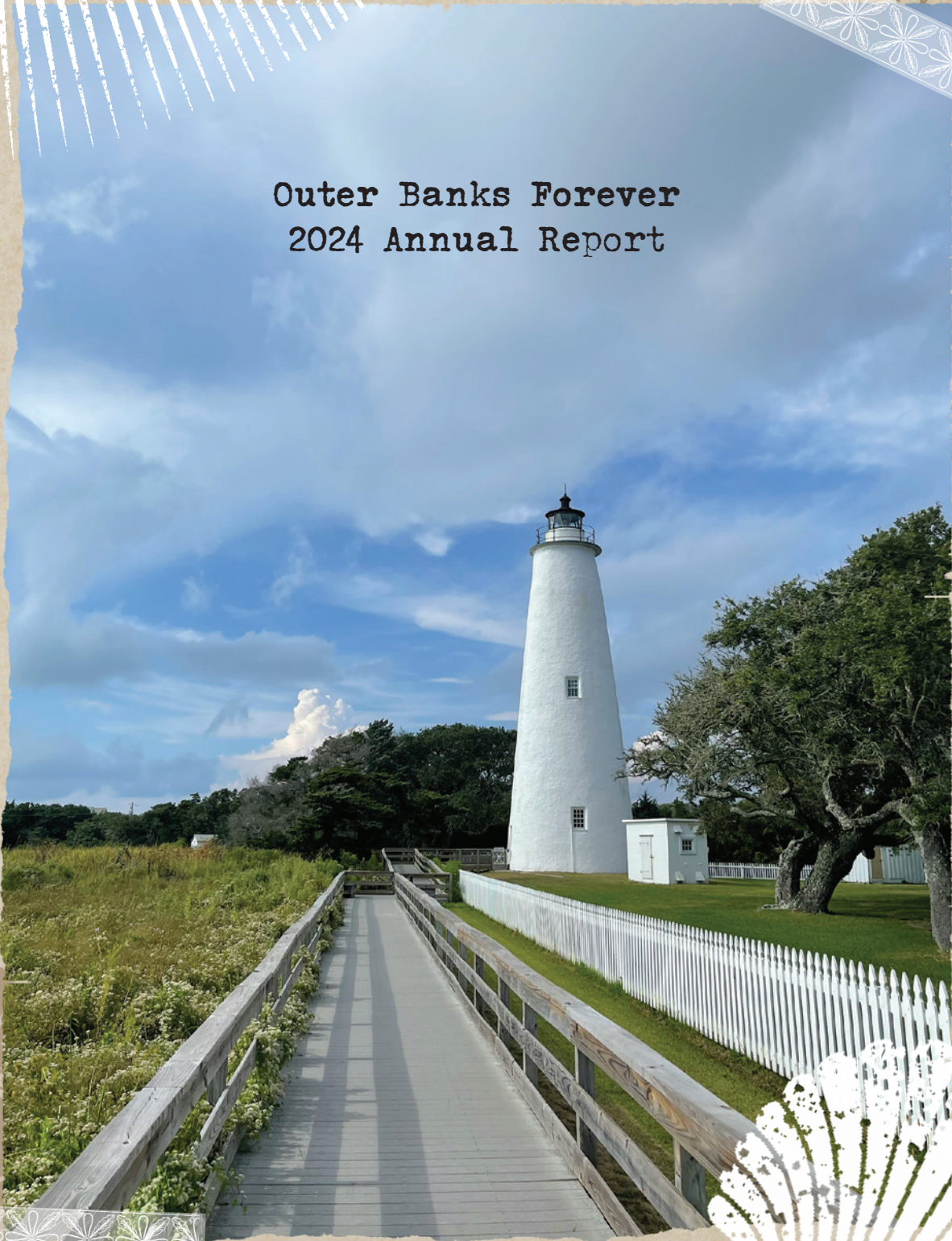


Outer Banks Forever
2024 Annual Report





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LETTER FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

SINCE THE FOUNDING of Outer Banks Forever (OBXF) in 2019, more than 1,700 individuals, families, businesses, and organizations from all over the United States (and beyond!) have supported our mission to protect and enhance our Outer Banks national parks. April 2024 marked OBXF's fifth "birthday," and we celebrated the supporters and donors who helped us raise \$1 million for these special places.

Introduced in December 2024, our new Parks Forever Fund pools donor and business partner donations to address the Outer Banks national parks' needs—both immediate and long-term. To date, the Parks Forever Fund has raised \$13,000 for education, preservation, conservation, and exhibit enhancements to make our Outer Banks national parks accessible to all ages and abilities.

We will be forever grateful to Jessica Barnes, our founding director, who has moved on to new opportunities and we wish her the best in her future endeavors. It was Jessica who nominated REAL Watersports for the 2024 Public Lands Alliance Corporate Stewardship Award. As co-founder of REAL Watersports, I am honored to receive this national recognition in support of OBXF and hope it encourages other businesses to support our three Outer Banks national parks on a consistent basis!

Sincerely,

Trip Forman

Trip Forman, President, OBXF Advisory Board



Cape Hatteras National Seashore



REAL Watersports

OBX NPS Visitors and Economic Impact

3,444,330
TOTAL VISITORS IN 2024

Park visitors spent millions of dollars in the towns and villages surrounding our three national parks in 2024. These expenditures supported thousands of jobs and added millions in labor income, value, and economic output. In fact, all three parks ranked among the top 15 for number of visitors in their park category (seashore, national historic site and national memorial). We are proud of the value our parks bring to our Outer Banks community!

CAPE HATTERAS NS:
2.7 MILLION+
VISITORS IN 2024

WRIGHT BROTHERS NM:
400,000+
VISITORS IN 2024

FORT RALEIGH NHS:
270,000+
VISITORS IN 2024

YOUR PARKS, YOUR IMPACT

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO EACH OF YOU WHO GAVE IN 2024 to support our work to protect and enhance these special places! Together, we are making waves and supporting our national parks through some of their biggest challenges to date. We celebrated our fifth birthday in 2024, marking five years of supporting our parks. People like you make it possible for us to preserve these inspiring parks now and for future generations.

\$10,000+

Anderegg Family Foundation
Dare County Tourism Board
National Park Foundation
Outer Banks Visitor's Bureau

\$1,000-\$9,999

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Fort Raleigh National Historic Site

FREEDOM TRAIL AT FORT RALEIGH NHS

The newly enhanced Freedom Trail at Fort Raleigh National Historic Site opened to the public in June 2024. This 1.25-mile wooded trail through a maritime forest offers visitors space to reflect on those who sought freedom from enslavement, risking everything to create a safe haven on Roanoke Island in 1862. It features original artwork by Sonja Griffin Evans during and after the Civil War, life-sized silhouettes, and expanded educational signage.

The Freedom Trail is made possible by a partnership between local community members who are descendants of the Freedmen's Colony, the National Park Service, our generous supporters, and grant funding from the 400 Years of African American History Commission and the National Park Foundation.

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Cindy Womble



Sea turtle species: Loggerhead, Green, Leatherback (rare), and Kemp's Ridley (rare)

Cape Hatteras National Seashore

ADOPT A SEA TURTLE NEST BY THE NUMBERS

NUMBER OF EGGS LAID:
29,533

NUMBER OF NESTS:
303

NESTS ADOPTED
303

50 Kemp's
Ridley
HATCHLINGS

FUNDS RAISED \$31,177

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THE WRIGHT FLIGHT ACADEMY

In partnership with First Flight High School in Kill Devil Hills, Dare County Schools, and the NPS, OBXF continued supporting the Wright Flight Academy in 2024. Over a two-year period, 23 high schoolers have been tasked with building a functional two-seater airplane on the grounds of the Wright Brothers National Memorial.

After the Van's Aircraft RV-12iS is built, it will undergo extensive testing and certification by the FAA. Each student will have a chance to ride as a passenger, with takeoff and landing at Wright Brothers National Memorial's First Flight Airport. OBXF is proud to be the official sponsor of a video series created by Rayolight Productions that documents the students' progress.



Wright Brothers National Memorial



PATHWAYS TO YOUR NATIONAL PARKS

Our donors and supporters raised over \$800,000 for a multiuse pathway that connects Route 12 to Old Lighthouse Beach and the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse! Now that this path is complete, with both locals and visitors using it, we will add some finishing touches in 2025. These include new trailhead and educational signage, landscape enhancements, and a new family-friendly, accessible restroom and shower facility.



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NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

WRIGHT BROTHERS
NATIONAL MEMORIAL

OUR MISSION:

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OUR VISION:

Our Outer Banks national parks protect much of what you love most about being here. With your support, Outer Banks Forever will ensure that future generations can continue to learn, grow, and create memories here in the Outer Banks through history, conservation, and the celebration of innovation. Together, we will support the Outer Banks national parks by engaging current and future visitors through philanthropy, education, volunteerism, and partnerships.

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