SWIMMING SAFETY

RED FLAGS
No swimming flags are raised whenever there is rough surf and dangerous ocean conditions. Swimming is prohibited when red flags are flying.

IF CAUGHT IN A RIP CURRENT
• Don’t fight the current
• Swim out of the current, then to shore
• If you can’t escape, float or tread water
• If you need help, call or wave for assistance

PUBLIC SOUND ACCESSES

STENNIS PARK
Located at MP 16.1
Non-motorized crafts only.

W. DANUBE ST.
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PUBLIC BEACH ACCESSES

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Located at MP 11.5.
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Located on the west side of US 158 (S. Old Oregon Inlet Road). A similar oceanside path runs from the Nags Head/Kill Devil Hills line south along NC 12 (S. Virginia Dare Trail) and NC 1243 (S. Oregon Inlet Road). A similar path also runs along the west side of US 158 (S. Croatan Highway) from the Nags Head/Kill Devil Hills line south to the entrance of Jockey’s Ridge State Park at Holidowell Street.

TOWN PARK
Located off US 158 at Mile Post 11, turn west onto Barney Street and you’ll find this park nestled in the trees. A playground and a large, grass open space makes the park ideal for cookouts, football games, or birthday parties. The park’s pavilion can be reserved by calling 252-441-5508.

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WHALEBONE PARK
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DOWDY PARK
Dowdy Park offers inclusive playground equipment, an exercise trail, sport courts, fitness classes, farmer’s markets, movie nights, and concerts. Visit nagshead.gov/dowdyparkevents for the current event schedule. Located at 3005 S. Croatan Highway.

MULTI-USE PATHS
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DOG PARK
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HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

In a declared evacuation, be certain that you:
- Know the correct evacuation route to take
- Have your vehicle fueled and ready to go
- Visitors should take all belongings, including pets, as there is no way to predict when re-entry will be allowed

The Dare County Control Group closely monitors all storm developments. Please monitor local media to hear if an evacuation has been declared. Should an evacuation be declared, you should leave right away. Dare County does not have any emergency shelters. For further hurricane or re-entry information, visit the Dare County web site at darenc.com or call Dare County Emergency Management at 252-475-5655. Other information is available from the Outer Banks Visitors Bureau at 877-629-4386. You can also visit the Town’s website at nagsheadnc.gov or call 252-441-5508 for Nags Head-related storm information.

LIFEGUARDS

Nags Head Ocean Rescue lifeguards patrol the beach from stands and from ATVs from Memorial Day through Labor Day, 10 am-6 pm.

Do not swim in areas where lifeguards are not present at a stand. Guards may be called away from their stand or a stand may be moved, so this is general information only, and does not guarantee that rescue services will be available in any area at any particular time.

Beach wheelchairs are available from Ocean Rescue at the Bonnett (near Mile Post 11) and Hargrove (near Mile Post 17) beach accesses, 10 am-6 pm, Memorial Day - Labor Day. A fire permit is required. Beach wheelchairs can also be rented from local equipment rental companies. Call Nags Head Fire and Rescue at 252-441-5909 for a list of companies or additional help accessing the beach.

PUBLIC WORKS

2200 S. LARK AVE.
Phone 252-441-3122
Email publicworks@nagsheadnc.gov
Hours Monday - Friday, 8am - 3:30pm
Call for sanitation, bulk collection information and water emergencies.

LOCAL NUMBERS OF INTEREST

Jockey’s Ridge State Park
252-441-7132
Nags Head Woods/The Nature Conservancy
252-441-2525
Cape Hatteras Nat’l/Seashore/Nat’l Park Service
252-473-2111
Network for Endangered Sea Turtles
252-441-8622
The Outer Banks Visitors Bureau
877-629-4386
Outer Banks Hospital
5401 S. CROATAN HWY.
Phone 252-441-5508

ANIMALS

Leashed dogs are allowed on the beach at all times. Owners must clean up after their pets and droppings cannot be buried in the sand or thrown in the ocean.

LET’S KEEP OUR WATER CLEAN

Many Nags Head homes and businesses use septic systems for wastewater disposal. Please don’t flush diapers, sanitary products, grease, or cigarettes.

BEACH EQUIPMENT/SAND DIGGING

Leaving equipment on the beach between 8 pm and 7 am is prohibited. Tents and canopies can be no larger than 12x12, no taller than 9 feet, and must be spaced at least 20 feet apart. Do not block emergency vehicles or hinder the lifeguard’s view of the water.

Nags Head Town Code, Section 8-8

BEACH DRIVING

Beach driving is allowed October 1 through April 30, with a permit either from the Town of Nags Head or the Town of Kill Devil Hills. Through a reciprocal program, each town recognizes the beach driving permit issued by the other. Permits may be purchased at either the Nags Head or Kill Devil Hills town hall or at some tackle shops in Nags Head.

FIREWORKS

All fireworks and sky lanterns are prohibited.

PARKING

Please park only in permitted areas and designated spaces. Do not park on sidewalks or paths and remember pedestrians have the right of way when in marked or unmarked crosswalks. Don’t forget to lock your vehicles and store valuables out of sight.

VISITOR’S GUIDE

TOWN OF NAGS HEAD
DEPARTMENTS

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
5401 S. CROATAN HWY.
Phone 252-441-7016
Email info@nagsheadnc.gov
Hours Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 5pm
Get Building Permits Here

POLICE
5401 S. CROATAN HWY.
Emergency 911
Phone 252-473-3444 for Non-Emergency/After Hours
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GENERAL INFORMATION

BETWEEN THE NATIVE AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN WORLDS

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