



# Fort Fisher State Recreation Area

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## APPLICATION FOR BEACH VEHICLE ACCESS PERMIT

OFFICE USE ONLY

PERMIT #

EXPIRATION DATE

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ H W

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

### VEHICLE INFORMATION

MAKE/MODEL: \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

LICENSE TAG NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER & STATE ISSUED: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

I VERIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS CORRECT AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE ATTACHED BEACH VEHICLE ACCESS RULES AND PARK REGULATIONS. I UNDERSTAND THAT VIOLATIONS OF THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS COULD RESULT IN REVOCATION OF THIS PERMIT **WITHOUT REFUND.**

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle beach access permits are available for sale at the park's visitor's center daily from 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with cash, money orders or personal checks accepted with proper identification.

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "FORT FISHER SRA".**

### ACCESS PERMIT FEE

Daily Permit....\$12

Annual Permit....\$50 (Unlimited number of visits)

# RULES REGARDING USE OF THE FOUR-WHEEL-DRIVE VEHICLE BEACH ACCESS

Four miles of beachfront at Fort Fisher State Recreation Area are open to visitors in four-wheel-drive vehicles, though restrictions apply regarding times of use and areas open to traffic. There are two principal reasons for the restrictions. The park is somewhat remote and emergency services can be limited during hours when rangers are not on duty. Also, Fort Fisher is home to 16 rare species including the loggerhead sea turtles. In late summer and early fall, the turtles often use areas near the dune line for nesting. Colonial shore birds favor the sparsely vegetated flats between the dune line and marshes for nesting sites in summer months. Restricted areas are clearly marked by rope fences and signs.

**Please read the policies below and understand that violation of these and any other park regulation or rule can result in the revocation of beach access vehicle permits without refund.**

- All drivers operate their vehicles on the 4WD beach areas at their own risk.
- Permitted vehicles must meet all state license and safety requirements and have a valid state inspection sticker.
- Operate vehicles in designated areas only. Driving through designated wildlife nesting areas is prohibited.
- Camping, open fires, pets off a leash and littering are prohibited.
- Maximum speed limit for this beach area is 15 mph.
- Vehicles may be operated in the 4WD beach access only during parkoperational hours.
- Annual permit sticker must be displayed and attached to the lower right corner of the front windshield (passenger side) of the vehicle. Issued day permit must be hung from the rearview mirror while using the vehicle access area.
- Alcohol consumption and possession anywhere in the park is a misdemeanor offense and strictly prohibited.
- Four-wheel-drive beach access may be denied due to any unsafe conditions caused by inclement weather or other hazardous situations as determined by the park superintendent.
- Misuse of the gate access card will result in revocation or deactivation of that card and loss of vehicle permit. The gate access card and vehicle decal permit are intended for the use by the vehicle that they were originally purchased for and assigned to, as stated on the permit application.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE POLICIES AND UNDERSTAND THAT THE VIOLATION OF THESE AND ANY OTHER PARK REGULATION OR RULE CAN RESULT IN THE REVOCATION OF THIS BEACH ACCESS VEHICLE PERMIT WITHOUT REFUND.

APPLICANT'S INITIALS: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARK STAFF INITIALS: \_\_\_\_\_

## PARK HOURS

November – February..... 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
 March..... 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
 April – May..... 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
 June – August..... 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
 September 1 – 14..... 6 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
 Sept. 15 – Sept. 30 ..... 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
 October..... 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

## FOUR-WHEEL-DRIVE BEACH ACCESS

March 15 - March 31 ..... 8 a.m.- 6:30 p.m.  
 April and May ..... 8 a.m.- 7:30 p.m.  
 June, July, August ..... 6 a.m.- 8:30 p.m.  
 Sept. 1 - Sept. 14 ..... 8 a.m.- 7:30 p.m.  
 September 15 - March 14 ... 24 hour access

***Beach access gate closes 1/2 hour before park***

## PARK OFFICE HOURS: Permit Sales

Nov.-Feb ..... 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri.; March-October ..... 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. daily  
*Closed Christmas Day*

**A WORD OF EXTREME CAUTION:** Steep drop-offs and soft sand can cause drivers and their vehicles to become stranded, and vehicles can be further threatened by incoming tides or engine overheating. Park staff is not equipped to recover stranded vehicles. Local towing service is available.