Fort Fisher State Recreation Area

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APPLICATION FOR BEACH VEHICLE ACCESS PERMIT

(office use only)

GATE ACCESS #

(Please Print or Type)

Name:_____ Phone:_____ Home___ Cell ___

Street Address _____

City _____State_____Zip_____

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Make/Model_____Color_____Year_____

License Tag Number_____State_____

Driver's License Number & State Issued_____

E-mail 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 center daily from 8 am to 5 pm with cash, personal checks and credit cards accepted with proper identification.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO *FORT FISHER SRA*

Weekday permit...$15, Weekend permit...$25
Annual permit.....$60 per calendar year (Jan 1 thru Dec 31)

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

Four miles of beachfront at Fort Fisher State Recreation Area is 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 turtle. 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 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 park operational hours.
- Annual permit sticker must be displayed and attached to the lower right corner of the front windshield (passenger side) of the vehicle. Day permit hangtags must be hung from the rearview mirror.
- 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 condition caused by inclement weather or other hazardous situation 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 use by the vehicle that is described on permit application. If for some reason that vehicle is taken out of service the sticker must be removed and turned into park office in order to transfer the permit to another vehicle and receive a new sticker if needed.

PARK HOURS

November – February.....8am – 6pm
March-April-May.....8am – 8pm
June-July-August .....8am – 9pm
September -October .....8am – 8pm

FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE ACCESS

March 15-May 31.....8am - 7:30pm
June, July-August.....6am - 8:30pm
September 1, September 14.....8am – 7:30pm
September 15-March 14.....24 hour access

A word of extreme caution: Steep drop-offs and soft sand can cause drivers and their vehicles to become stranded, and incoming tides or engine overheating can further threaten vehicles. Park staff is not equipped to recover stranded vehicles. Local towing service is available.

Suggested tire pressure – lower to 15-20 psi

Beach access gate closes ½ hour before park

Park Office phone number is: 910-458-5798
Office open daily 8-5
Closed Christmas Day

Trash cans have been removed from the 4WD beach area. Bags are available at the entrance and trash deposit receptacles are located at the beach access road exit. Please help us keep the beach clean!