

N.C. 12 INFORMATION - 12/6/12

NCDOT has reopened the four-wheel drive route along N.C. 12 on Pea Island, following a six-hour closure today for maintenance, pavement removal and grading. Access is now available from 5 a.m.-10 p.m. daily, weather permitting.

During the closure, heavy equipment was used to level the sand in areas where tires had created ruts along the four-wheel drive route, creating a smoother, safer ride. The route was established to allow four-wheel drive vehicles to travel through the area while contractors rebuild N.C. 12, which was heavily damaged by Hurricane Sandy and two Nor'easters.

Workers also removed damaged pavement and performed grading work at points where the four-wheel drive route connects to N.C. 12. One of those points is at Mirlo Beach and the other is about 0.4 miles north of the S-Curves. This work was part of the effort to reopen N.C. 12 to all traffic on or by Dec. 25, weather permitting.

The four-wheel drive route closed at 9 a.m. and reopened shortly after 3 p.m., about an hour ahead of schedule.

More information on N.C. 12 recovery efforts is available on our [N.C. 12 Facebook page](#). For the latest details on the emergency ferry route, as well as schedules for our regular ferry routes, call 1-800-BY-FERRY and press 1, or visit the [NCDOT Ferry](#) webpage.

FERRY INFORMATION

As long as N.C. 12 from the Bonner Bridge south to Rodanthe remains closed to traffic, the NCDOT Ferry Division will continue to operate its Emergency Ferry route from Stumpy Point to Rodanthe.

The current schedule for this route is:

- Departing Stumpy Point at: 6 a.m., 8, 10, noon, 2 p.m., 4, 6, and 10; and
- Departing Rodanthe at 7 a.m., 9, 11, 1 p.m., 3, 5, 7, and 9.

The address for Stumpy Point is: 100 Log Storage Road, Stumpy Point, NC 27978.

The address for Rodanthe is: 23170 Myrna Peters Road, Rodanthe, NC 27968.

Essential commodities and materials get priority, as determined by Dare County Emergency Management. These priorities will receive an orange pass at the terminals. Residents will also be given priorities on weekdays. They will get a white pass when they show a proper Hatteras Island driver license.

Wait times at this route can vary and be lengthy at times. Please be patient and be prepared to wait. Bring water and snacks, as this route is only used for emergency events, and there are no terminal facilities available. To help you gauge the amount of traffic waiting to ride, visit the live

webcams [Dare County](#) has stationed at [Rodanthe](#) and [Stumpy Point](#). The cameras cannot show priority order, but they can offer a real-time look at number of vehicles in line.

Wind direction and speed can affect the water levels in this area. Winds from the northeast can cause low water levels, which could suspend operations. Please keep advised of the weather conditions when you travel. For the most up-to-date ferry information, call 800-293-3779 (BY-FERRY) and press 1, or follow us on [Twitter](#).

Hatteras-Ocracoke ferry is running every other hour. NE winds can affect Hatteras Inlet by causing shoaling in the shallow passage. Sometimes tides and wind direction can cause cancellation of departures at this route. The current schedule is:

- Departing Hatteras at 6 a.m., 8, 10, noon, 2 p.m., 4, 6, 8, 10 and midnight; and
- Departing Ocracoke at 5 a.m., 7, 9, 11, 1 p.m., 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11.