

N.C. 12 INFORMATION - 12/5/12

NCDOT plans to close the four-wheel drive route along N.C. 12 on Pea Island on Thursday, Dec. 6, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The closure will allow crews to conduct maintenance work on the route and take steps to rebuild the highway damaged by Hurricane Sandy and two Nor'easters.

The four-wheel drive route will remain open tomorrow from 5 a.m.-9 a.m. and 4 p.m.-10 p.m., weather permitting. Motorists wanting to travel from Hatteras Island to the mainland during the closure period can take the emergency ferry route between Rodanthe and Stumpy Point. The NCDOT [Ferry Division](#) anticipates heavier traffic on the emergency ferry tomorrow and encourages drivers to arrive early to expedite the boarding process.

During the closure, heavy equipment will level the sand in the areas where tires are creating ruts along the four-wheel drive route, resulting in a safer, more stable ride. They will also remove damaged pavement and perform grading work at the points where the four-wheel drive route connects to N.C. 12, which are Mirlo Beach and about 0.4 miles north of the S-Curves. This is part of the work necessary to rebuild and reopen N.C. 12 to all traffic on or by Dec. 25, weather permitting.

More information on N.C. 12 recovery efforts is available on our [N.C. 12 Facebook page](#) or [N.C. 12 Twitter feed](#).

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.