

N.C. 12 INFORMATION - 11/29/12

Four-wheel drive access is now open along N.C. 12 on Pea Island, following a five-hour closure today to perform maintenance that will hopefully diminish the likelihood of overwash and increase the stability of the sand on the north end of the route along N.C. 12 on Pea Island.

In addition, NCDOT has implemented vehicle size and weight restrictions on the four-wheel drive route. Since the route opened, a number of vehicles have gotten stuck in the sand and required a tow truck to get them out. This not only causes delays for other vehicles using the route, but it also damages the makeshift road.

To help protect access and make traffic flow more efficiently, NCDOT is no longer allowing any vehicle larger than a one-ton truck to use the route. In addition, trucks with trailers are not permitted. Two-wheel drive vehicles are not allowed on the route under any circumstance.

For updates on the status of the four-wheel drive route, visit our [N.C. 12 Facebook page](#) or follow the [N.C. 12 Twitter feed](#).

Regarding repairs, tension cable repair work and paving are complete on the Bonner Bridge, allowing both lanes of the bridge to open to traffic. By the end of this week, NCDOT expects to complete paving work on N.C. 12 on the north and south sides of the temporary bridge on Pea Island, as well as dune reconstruction in Kitty Hawk.

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.