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## Cape Lookout National Seashore News Release

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## Hurricane Joaquin Closures At Cape Lookout National Seashore

**Harkers Island, NC** – Based on the projected track of Hurricane Joaquin, Cape Lookout National Seashore has implemented its emergency weather evacuation plan. Cape Lookout National Seashore will evacuate all visitors from the National Seashore beginning on Thursday morning, October 1.

The seashore will be closed to all visitors (including overnight guests staying in the cabins and day visitors) and all services and will remain closed until further notice.

To allow staff to prepare seashore facilities for the storm, Portsmouth Village, the Light Station Visitor Center, and Keepers' Quarters Museum are closed beginning at 8:00 AM on Thursday.

Island Express Ferry Service has ceased operations out of Beaufort and Harkers Island. Vehicle ferries, including Cape Lookout Cabin and Camps, Davis Shore Ferry Service, and Morris Marina will be operating to evacuate visitors from the islands. Reservations for the Long Point and Great Island Cabins are being canceled and refunds will be issued.

The National Park Service staff will be monitoring ongoing developments with Hurricane Joaquin and will post updates as needed on the park website at <u>www.nps.gov/calo</u> and via Facebook and Twitter at twitter.com/CapeLookoutNPS.

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