

Cape Lookout Paddle and Camping Trip
May 24 thru 26, 2008

We will camp on Shackleford Banks across the inlet from the lighthouse where the ponys are and the view of the lighthouse is more scenic. We will go sightseeing at the Lighthouse Complex where you can; observing plants and wildlife on the island; picnicking, shelling, hiking, fishing and sunbathing. If you want to take the tour mule (Pickup Truck) it will cost you a fee. We will paddle around the bight (a great place to see sea turtle and out into the ocean if weather permits. Swimmers should be aware that there are no lifeguards. All swimming is at your own risk. If you want to paddle over for a day trip you can do so, however, you will be responsible for getting yourself back to Harkers Island.

Warning: this is a paddle trip that is suited for sea kayaks with spray-skirts

FROM MOREHEAD CITY:

Take US 70 through Beaufort, when you see East Carteret High School on your left look straight ahead and you will see a signal light. At the signal light US 70 turns right and follow it (See description below),

FROM HAVELOCK:

Take Hwy 101 out of Havelock. Watch for the high rise bridge across the ICW. Shortly after crossing the bridge, there will be a BP station on the right and Parker's Boatworks on the left. Just past Parker's Boatworks, turn left on Laurel Road and go to the end, then turn right on Marimon (sp). Stay on Marrimon to the signal light just before East Carteret High School, then turn left onto Hwy 70 East at the signal light (See description below).

From East Carteret High School drive on US 70 East for about 5 miles. Along the way you will go over 2 bridges (North River and Wards Creek), and you will turn right on the 3rd paved road past the 2nd bridge (Convenient Store on the corner). There will be signs for Harkers Island and Cape Lookout National Seashore. When you get to Harkers Island you will be on Island Road, stay on Island Road for several miles until you get to the **Cape Lookout National Seashore Rangers Office**, East End of Harkers Island. We will meet there at **10:00AM** and paddle over to the cape. The put-in is across the road from the CLNSR Office near the picnic tables.

If you are going on the trip then call or e-mail me, Bill Sadler. My number is (252) 633-1426 and my e-mail address is 2billsadler@gmail.com.