

THE DUNE *Breeze*

The Roanoke Sound shoreline of the park will soon be the site of the Jockey's Ridge Living Shoreline and Oyster Reef Restoration Project. The creation of a low profile sill off shore and the planting of additional native grasses will enhance the habitat for this important ecosystem.



Prepared bags of oyster shells used to construct reefs.

Jockey's Ridge Living Shoreline & Oyster Reef Restoration Project

The North Carolina Coastal Federation has applied for a federal grant to be matched with NCCF funds, to help restore a portion of the Roanoke Sound shoreline at JRSP. The multi-year undertaking entitled Jockey's Ridge Living Shoreline and Oyster Reef Restoration Project will enhance the habitat for oysters and other mollusks, fish, crustaceans, and shorebirds through the creation of oyster reefs and the planting of native grasses. The project area (the northern-most sound side area of the park) is the documented environment for over 75 species including some which are threatened or endangered.

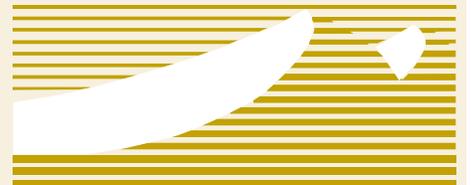
A low profiled sill, which will act as a natural bulkhead and breakwater,

will be constructed offshore with marl rock and recycled oyster shells and will reduce shoreline erosion and enhance beds of submerged aquatic vegetation. A critical part of the Jockey's Ridge Living Shoreline and Oyster Reef Restoration Project will be the monitoring of the site to determine the overall success of the project.

There will be several volunteer opportunities associated with the Jockey's Ridge Living Shoreline and Oyster Reef Restoration Project. A total of 960 hours of labor will be donated by individuals and groups and will include preparing bags of oyster shells, planting wetland plants and grasses, monitoring the site and assisting with educational programs.

The restored shoreline will become a living classroom and will be used to interpret the shoreline and wetlands environment by JRSP staff, the North Carolina Coastal Federation, North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries, the Nature Conservancy and local schools.

The project is set to get underway in 2008 with the design, planning and permitting process. Stay tuned for more information and to learn about volunteer opportunities.

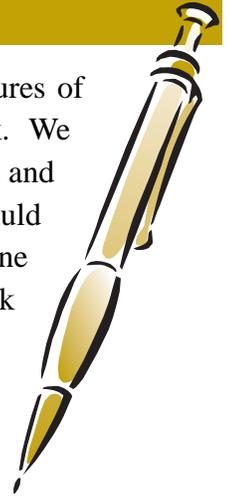


From the President's Pen



The warmth of summer has faded into the more seasonal temperatures of fall, but things are still heating up here at Jockey's Ridge State Park. We have enjoyed another great year with record attendance at the park and visitor center. As a member of the Friends of Jockey's Ridge you should be proud of your support and enjoy the feeling of participating in one of the most successful Friends groups in the North Carolina State Park system. So pat yourself on the back, and remember that we should always welcome new members to our group. So tell a friend, co-worker, parent or child about being a member of a non-profit

group that supports a unique ecological environment that is a treasure to our Outer Banks.



Just as the seasons change so has our Board of Directors. We are glad to welcome two new members. Robin Keenan, who brings her experience of working with the Outer Banks Marathon and Mark Dunlevy who is a true lover of nature. We look for lots of new and positive energy that they will bring to our board. At this same time, we want to give a big thank you to Lynda Wood, who has served as a loyal board member and our secretary for many years. While we will miss her, we know she will continue to lend her smile to other good causes in our community.

On a final note, one of the greatest assets to the Friend of Jockey's Ridge is our gift shop at the visitor's center and with the holiday season approaching; please remember that all members receive 10 % off on our great selection of nature inspired gifts. You'll find everything from stocking stuffers to fine artwork by local artists. Be sure to say hello to Kathryn and Sonja when you visit and thank them for all their hard work. Make Jockey's Ridge State Park part of your holiday plans this year!

– Billy Moseley

Who's in the Park?



Fourth grade students from Mrs. Greene and Mrs. Fader's classes from Northwest Elementary School in Kinston, North Carolina enjoyed a beautiful warm sunny day in November at the park. The children had a great time climbing and exploring Jockey's Ridge. They are (left to right) Isaiah Grady, Thomas Garner, Cinthia Ogbaugo, Shemari Robinson, Megan Hall, Cindy Olguin-Ayala, Hailey West, and Taylor Jones and Parent/Chaperone Mickey Whaley on the back row. It's awesome to see young people experience the wonder of Jockey's Ridge.

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View From The Ridge *by George Barnes – Park Superintendent*

This has turned out to be a record-breaking year for us at Jockey's Ridge State Park. Visitation is at an all time high with 1,315,000 as of September 30, the highest number ever with 3 months

remaining in 2007. Park staff, as usual, is doing an excellent job assuring all these people have had an enjoyable, safe and educational experience. Once again, a job well done.

With increased visitation our sound side access has also seen record numbers. Most days this summer saw an overfilled parking area with many cars lining both sides of the entrance road. In light of this, we are making preliminary plans to expand our facilities. Expansion would include 30 more parking spaces, a building with public restrooms, outside showers and a small classroom. The classroom will help us expand our Interpretation & Education programming on the sound side.

We are sad to say we lost Ranger Matt Windsor. He accepted the Park Superintendent position at Fort Fisher State Recreation area. Our loss is their gain and I'm sure Matt will do an excellent job as superintendent there as he did as a ranger here.

We have interviewed some great candidates for Matt's position and our vacant Maintenance Mechanic II position. Hopefully, these will be filled soon and we will be back to full staff.

Ground has been broken for our maintenance area improvements, and the building should be complete in 3 – 4 months.

Once again, thank you for all your support. That is what enables us to be the best state park in the system.

Until next time... George



CRAZIEST Things Heard This Summer...

Once again compiled by the JRSP staff

"Where is the hill where the devil is buried?"

"Where is the singing and dancing at sunset?"

(Second year for this question)

"If it rains, how long will it take for the dune to dry off?"

"You guys have dunes there, right? So do we climb them or just look at 'em?"

"If anybody needs me, I'll be in the auditorium photographing my flatworm."

"Are there any North Carolina State Parks in Virginia Beach?"

"Hey, I'm in Kill Devil Hills and I just heard thunder, would it be a bad idea to take my kids up on the dunes?"

"Wouldn't it be cool if your name was Staff?"

Then you could get into all the places that say "Staff Only."

Meet Mark

The Friends of Jockey's Ridge welcome



Mark R. Dunlevy to the Board of Directors. He grew up in Lancaster, Pennsylvania and Richmond, Virginia, but has made the Outer

Banks his home since 1994. Mark is a graduate of University of Richmond with a B.A. in Economics, and also lived in Washington, DC for 14 years and was involved in publishing and manufacturing books and magazines with the National Geographic Society and the Bertelsman Media Co. Currently he is employed by Outer Banks Homes as a carpenter involved in all aspects of home construction. Mark also serves on the Town of Nags Head Citizen Advisory Committee. Sailing and fishing are two of his hobbies.

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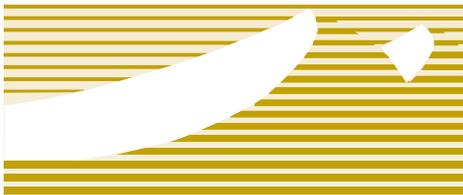
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