## ORV Routes and Areas Subcommittee ORV Routes and Areas and Pedestrian Areas Maps November 10, 2008 DRAFT

- The following maps are a work in progress by the Routes and Areas Subcommittee.
- The maps display key information contained in the Access and Pedestrian-Environmental subgroup proposals sent to the Committee on October 28, 2008 (and previously released publicly). The Pedestrian-Environmental subgroup proposal also was distributed to the Committee at the September meeting. Please note the maps do not contain all of the information presented in the proposals, and readers of the maps are requested to review the maps in conjunction with the two subgroup proposals.
- The proposed Routes and Areas shown on the maps are not to scale; the exact locations TBD. Proposed interdunal roads are shown as a placeholder and do not reflect actual locations. Safety Closures shown on the maps are based on the 09/08 Beach Access Report.
- The Subcommittee is developing a working definition for determining where ORV and pedestrian-only areas begin and end, based on (1) the recognition that NPS will determine the exact locations of new ramps, boardwalks, and parking facilities; (2) the recommendation that each pedestrian-only area needs a boardwalk (or walkover) over the dunes for pedestrian and ORV safety; and (3) initially using the ramps as the dividing line until a walkover is constructed, and then the dividing line would be fixed along a line located halfway between the ramp and the walkover.
- The Subcommittee proposes adding a boardwalk at ramps and parking areas where there will be a pedestrian only area for pedestrian and ORV safety. The maps currently show adding boardwalks at Ramps 2 and 30. Additional boardwalks are proposed at Ramps 23, 49 (subject to NPS determination about moving the ramp or parking) and 59.
- While the maps show fixed locations for the Ped-Env subgroup's proposed pedestrian only areas, their proposal provides a flexible approach for the location of some pedestrian only areas. The Ped-Env subgroup's proposal designated seven areas of high ecological value, and provided that four of the seven would be pedestrian only, and one of the seven pedestrian only for at least the 1/2 mile closest to the inlet. The proposed criteria for choosing between the seven include the numbers of birds and habitat quality. For example, while the Hatteras Inlet map shows the ORV closure on the east side of the inlet and no closure on the west side, the route/no route status could shift based on an annual evaluation of the criteria.
- The maps do not reflect Committee consensus or individual Committee member concurrence on the specific terms, provisions, or locations.















