

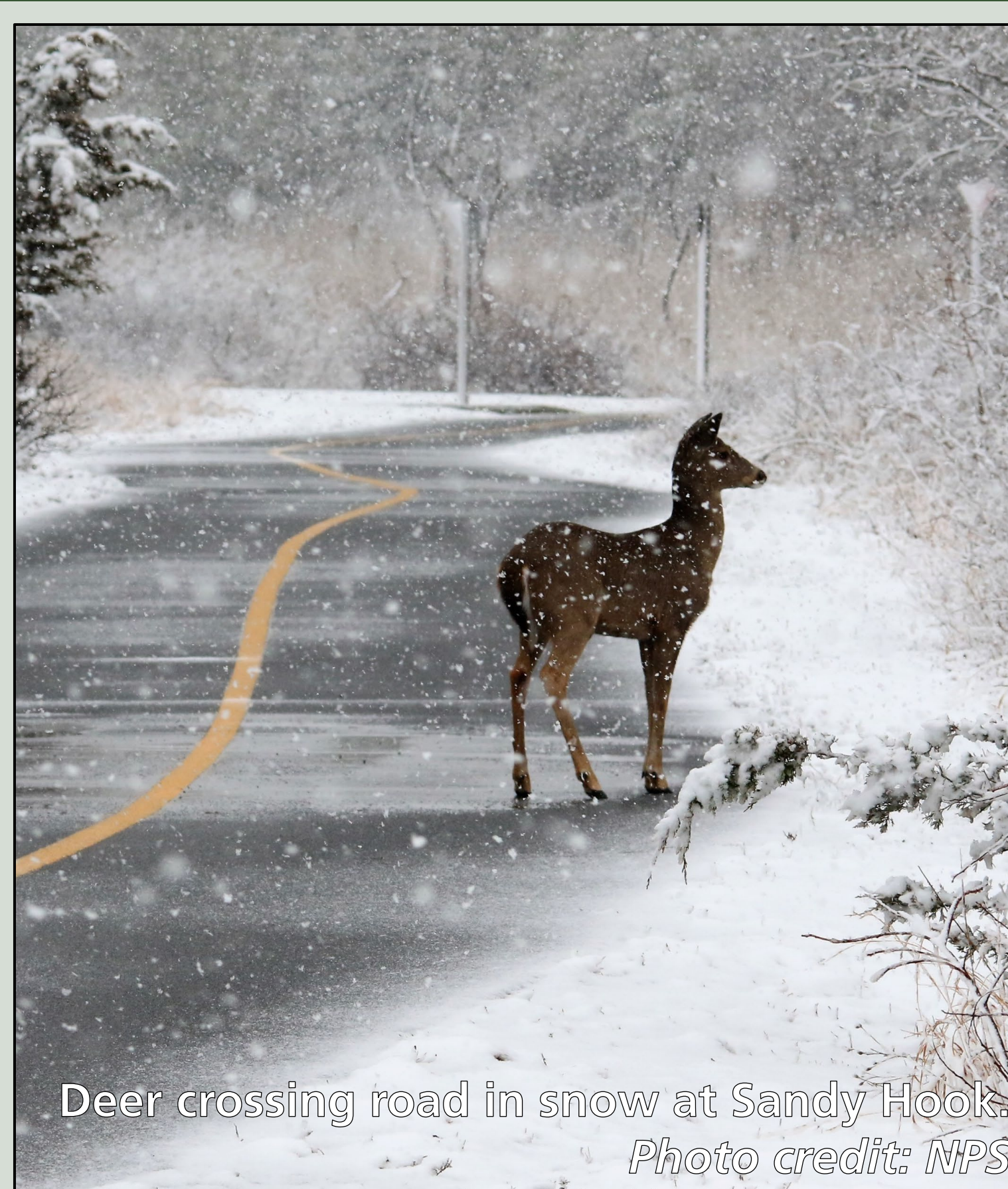


Have you observed deer impacting visitor use and experience at Sandy Hook?

Deer habituation is the process of deer becoming accustomed to human presence, causing them to lose their natural fear of people.



Deer-Vehicle Collisions



Deer-vehicle collisions increase as deer become more abundant and habituated.

Negative Deer-Human Interactions

Feeding wildlife in National Parks is prohibited to protect public health, safety, and welfare. Habituated deer may become more aggressive toward humans and defensive of their fawns.



Tick Density



White-tailed deer are critical hosts for tick reproduction. Some of these ticks can carry Lyme and other diseases.

We want to hear from you!
Comment period closes May 23, 2026.

