

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

Virginia Coast Reserve

Barrier Island Use Policies

ISLANDS OPEN FOR DAY USE

Most TNC owned islands are open to the public for low-impact, non-commercial, recreational day use, such as hiking, bird watching, surf fishing and photography. These include **Smith, Myrtle, Mink, Godwin, Cobb, Hog, Rogue, Sandy, Parramore and Revel Islands** and the TNC owned portions of **Metompkin and Cedar Islands**.

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**PETS, MOTORIZED VEHICLES,
CAMPING AND CAMPFIRES ARE
PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES**
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Please help protect nesting birds by observing the following additional guidelines during the breeding season, **APRIL THROUGH AUGUST:**

- **REMAIN AT THE WATER'S EDGE AND BELOW THE HIGH TIDE LINE AT ALL TIMES IN ALL AREAS**
- **Do not traverse upper beaches, dunes, and mudflats**
- **Respect posted bird nesting areas**

ISLAND CLOSURES

Little Cobb and Ship Shoal Islands are **CLOSED** to visitor use at all times for scientific research and safety reasons.

Harvesting of shellfish is prohibited in all TNC/Virginia Marine Resources Commission shellfish sanctuaries.

For information on waterfowl hunting policies, please contact the Virginia Coast Reserve office at (757) 442-3049.

*The mission of The Nature Conservancy is
to conserve the lands and waters on which
all life depends*

The Virginia Coast Reserve (VCR) is a project of The Nature Conservancy in Virginia. In 1969, The Nature Conservancy began purchasing the 14 islands and associated marshes that today comprise the heart of the VCR, warding off development plans involving the construction of large marinas, bridges and condos. As a result, the dynamic barrier islands and lagoon landscape comprises the longest expanse of coastal wilderness remaining on the east coast and serves as one of the most critical migratory bird habitats on Earth. Please help protect these fragile resources and help keep these islands open to the public by observing all visitation policies.

For more information, please call the Virginia Coast Reserve office at (757) 442-3049 or visit www.nature.org/vcr



American Oystercatchers

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