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Photograph of the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, ca. 1920-1940. Item H.1952.96.86 from the collection of the North Carolina Museum of History, used courtesy of NCDNCR. ^[2]

Established: 1935

GPS Coordinates: [35.2505368,-75.5288298](#) ^[3]

Size: 1,200 acres

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Cape Hatteras State Park is among a handful of North Carolina state parks that existed only for a brief time. On June 17, 1935, John S. Phipps donated land for a state park on the edge of the Outer Banks. The land was adjacent to the [Hatteras Light House](#) ^[5].

In the early years, park development plans included creation of facilities for picnicking, boating, and cabin lodging. On December 22, 1952, the state transferred the land to the federal government for inclusion in the [Cape Hatteras National Seashore](#) ^[6].

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