



# shore drive

## BEYOND ATLANTIC AVENUE

### Shore Drive

Where Atlantic Avenue ends, Shore Drive begins. Just north of the oceanfront, Shore Drive is just a stone's throw away from the hustle and bustle of the Resort strip. Many interesting shops and restaurants are located on this charming road.

### First Landing State Park

The main entrance to the Park is on Shore Drive, but you may also enter through 64th Street off Atlantic Avenue. The First Landing Cross located in the Park bears witness to what is believed to be first landing of the country's earliest settlers, in 1607. Their first night was spent on this site before moving to Jamestown Island, where they settled. Later the settlers returned to hammer a wooden cross in the place of landing.

The park is perfect for hiking, biking, jogging, boating, picnicking, and camping. There are nine hiking/walk-

ing/jogging trails which total 19 miles. The trails are well-designed amidst the sand dunes and beautiful foliage, and they lead to the most scenic areas in the park. The trails are a part of the National Scenic Trails System and are well marked to keep hikers on track.

### Fort Story

Not too far down the road is Fort Story. Located at the "bend" of the northernmost part of the Oceanfront, Fort Story houses much history. The Battle off the Capes Monument is located in Fort Story on the Army Base. The monument overlook and plaques document the importance of a battle during the Revolutionary War in 1781. The victory of the French over the British in this battle paved the way for the British Surrender at Yorktown. You can gain access to the base with a valid Driver's license and current vehicle registration during daytime hours. (Gate 1 at 89th

Street). The three points of interest here are Cape Henry Memorial Cross; Admiral de Grasse Statue and aforementioned monument of the "Battle off the Virginia Capes". The two lighthouses mentioned next are also Virginia Beach landmarks located in Fort Story.

### Cape Henry Lighthouses

The (original), Old Cape Henry Lighthouse was erected in 1791 during the term of George Washington, to replace the colonists' inland fires, which were set for the purpose of directing ships around or to the cape. This historic landmark has marked the Chesapeake Bay entrance for nearly a century. The stone used for construction of the lighthouse came from the same Virginia quarry that supplied the White House, Capitol and Mount Vernon. In 1881 the New Cape Henry Lighthouse was erected. It is an active United States Coast Guard Station which is not open to the public.



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