

KILL DEVIL HILLS, NC

Nags Head Woods Preserve

Animal Safari
Points of Reference

Boardwalks
Trekking With The Trees

DARE County
11/6/5 Km PARK WALK Y1998
Winston Wanderers

START POINT: Forbes Candy & Gift Shop,
1700 South Croatan Highway, Hwy 158
Kill Devil Hills NC, 252-441-2122

HOURS: Sun-Thu 9A-10P; Fri 9A-11P, Sat 8A-11P
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TRAIL: Rated 2C, Trails: Daily Dawn to Dusk; Walk through maritime forest, wetlands and sand dunes in this nature preserve that is a designated National Natural Landmark. Use and carry insect repellent. The preserve is host to a myriad of fauna and flora including over 100 species of birds, with over 50 species nesting here; and over 300 plant species, including several that are rare to North Carolina. The trail surfaces are natural, unimproved but well-traveled. The 6 km trail (first part of the 11 km) has significant steps, one steep sandy hill, and is not suitable for strollers or wheelchairs. Dogs are not allowed on these trails. The easier 5km loop includes the .5 mile ADA (Americans with Disability) Trail. Leashed dogs are allowed on the 5 km route. The Nags Head Woods Preserve enjoys a 4.5 (of 5.0) user rating on both Trip Advisor and Yelp. Although not part of the walk route two of the largest active sand dunes on the East Coast are at the northern (Run Hill) and southern (Jockeys Ridge) borders of the preserve. Rest rooms are available at the registration point and at the preserve visitor center when it is open, weekdays 9A-5P.

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Please note, as indicated in the above description, that only the 5 km route is suitable for strollers (difficult), wheelchairs not advised. Also

note the need for insect repellent and that pets are restricted to the 5 km route.

HOW TO GET THERE: Register here then drive approximately 1 mile to the walk venue in the preserve. Take your preferred route onto the island to US Hwy 158/Croatan Hwy to Kill Devil Hills/Nags Head. As you near milepost 9.5 in Kill Devil Hills prepare to turn at the traffic light at Ocean Acres Drive. Forbes is on the southwest corner of the intersection of Croatan Highway and Ocean Acres Drive so if southbound turn right and if northbound turn left at the traffic light at Ocean Acres Drive. Then immediately turn left into Forbes parking lot. There are three Forbes locations on the island and GPS units may default to a different one so please confirm address when programing GPS. (POC Cell number: 757-651-8439)