

SCHOOL FIELD TRIP VISITS TO BALD HEAD ISLAND & OLD BALDY LIGHTHOUSE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When can our group visit?

With prior notice, field trips can schedule a visit March 1 – June 1, and September 1-November 30, Tuesday – Friday, 9:30 am – 3 pm.

How do we get to Bald Head Island?

The only way to get to Bald Head Island is the Bald Head Island passenger ferry. No cars allowed! Ferry leaves from Deep Point Marina in Southport, NC. The address is 1301 Ferry Road. Round-trip ferry is \$22 per adult, \$11 ages 3 – 12. Under 3 is free. After you schedule your visit with Old Baldy Lighthouse, contact 910-457-5003 to make your ferry reservation. Full fare tickets get island transportation to and from the lighthouse. Schedule your drop off and pick up times when you call. Or walk – the lighthouse is an easy five minute walk. We can meet you and guide you to the way.

What about the bus and/or our van and cars?

Vehicles can park at Deep Point Marina in General Parking. The parking rate is \$8-10 per day depending on the season. Bus rates are double the car rate. You will pay as you exit the parking lot.

How long is the typical visit?

The ferry ride is a half hour each way. Visits to the lighthouse and museum can vary depending on group size and programming. Count on at least 2 hours minimum. Most large groups take between 4 and 5 hours including a break for a picnic lunch that you bring. There are also island vendors that can provide box lunches to be dropped off.

What about the weather?

Bald Head Island is semi-tropical and the weather can vary from cold and windy to hot, humid, and rainy. The ferry, as well as the lighthouse grounds, has limited shelter. But we are here rain or shine unless the conditions are dangerous. Expect mosquitoes May – October. Please watch the forecast and plan accordingly. **Most of your visit is outside, in the elements.**

What will we do during our field trip? How much does it cost?

School field trips usually break up into groups of 4 and do 3-4 different activities. These are: climb the lighthouse, visit the Keeper's cottage history museum & gift shop, and walk the Civil War fort trail. We can always customize your group's visit to your specified curriculum. Field trip visits cost \$3 per participant.

What else can we do on Bald Head Island?

With careful planning, you can do a lot more while you're here! Go to www.bhisland.com for more info.