



North Carolina Lighthouses

There are seven major lighthouses that guard North Carolina's coast, each distinctive in its own right. Cape Hatteras is the tallest brick lighthouse in America and was moved a half mile inland in 1999 to protect it from erosion. Old Baldy is the oldest, built in 1817, with nearby Oak Island being the newest, completed in 1958. Ocracoke is the oldest light still operating, and Cape Lookout, built in 1859, is the only one that flashes both day and night. Currituck Beach, located in Corolla, is the northernmost light and the only brick tower left unpainted.