The Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge and the Chincoteague Refuge Friends Group is excited to announce the reopening of the Assateague Lighthouse for climbing!

The lighthouse will begin summer climbing hours on Monday, May 26, 2025 (Memorial Day). The hours will be 10:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Beginning Friday, May 30, 2025 the lighthouse will be open for climbing every Friday and Saturday 10:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. through Labor Day, weather permitting. After Labor Day the lighthouse will only be open on Saturdays until Thanksgiving weekend. We are so pleased that we have enough volunteers to cover two days a week during the summer this year!

Please wear comfortable shoes and bring your patience as the line can get quite long at times. Also, bring your bug spray. Yes, our Refuge nibblers are back! Our volunteers will greet you at the bottom and top of the lighthouse so bring your smiles too! You might even see the Lighthouse Keeper at the top.

Remember the lighthouse is free but donations are welcome. You can either donate in cash at the lighthouse or you can donate by credit card at the Bateman Visitor Center. As always, the book/gift shop located in the Bateman will be open. Come in and see all the new items that are being stocked daily.

Looking forward to seeing our visitors once again enjoying the beautiful view from the top of our lighthouse!

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