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Assateague Island National Seashore Resumes 7 Day Schedule for Toms Cove Visitor Center On Sunday, March 2

Berlin, Maryland – Superintendent Scott J. Bentley announced today that the Toms Cove Visitor Center, located within the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge in Virginia, will resume a full 7 day schedule beginning Sunday, March 2, 2008. The visitor center opened Friday through Monday during December, January and February, the slowest time of year. “Over 3000 visitors were served at the Toms Cove Visitor Center during this time.” said Bentley. “National Park Service staff worked closely with the Wildlife Refuge to provide top quality service throughout the limited closure.” All permits, passes and access to the beach wheelchair remained available at the Herbert H. Bateman Center which is open daily from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The Toms Cove Visitor Center provides programs, hands-on touch tank, exhibits, brochures and a range of information on recreational activities on Assateague Island and nearby community of Chincoteague, Virginia. Open from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm visitors can look forward to experiencing stunning views of Toms Cove, coastal salt marshes, and the Atlantic Ocean from the ideally situated building. Bald Eagles are frequently observed from the outside deck. National Park Service staff are on hand to answer questions and a variety of books and gift items are available in the onsite store. Superintendent Bentley invites the public to enjoy fishing, birding, shell collecting and a whole range of seasonal recreational opportunities.

The Barrier Island Visitor Center located in Berlin, Maryland remains open 7 days a week from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. For more information about Assateague Island National Seashore, visit www.nps.gov/asis/.

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