

WOULD YOU BELIEVE THEY MOVED IT!

While we were on the Outer Banks, we decided to see again what all tourists come here to see. It is the famous Cape Hatteras Light house. The National Park Service designates it as a National Monument.

When we last saw this lighthouse, it was close to the ocean edge and was about to be destroyed by erosion of the sand at the base. In 1999 they moved this million ton, 109 ft tall brick structure, 2900 ft. to a higher and safer location back from the shore!

They also moved the lighthouse keepers home and another building used as a visitor center. They were relocated just as they were before. The operation was hailed as "The Move of the Century" It is amazing to watch a video of how they accomplished this.

Leaving the Outer Banks, we saw a sign which proclaimed, "Stressed out?, don't give up. Remember, Moses was a basket case!"

We drove to a location North of Williamsburg, VA. and set up camp for four days or so. During this time we were able to visit friends in Williamsburg. The third day we had a whole bunch of rain during the morning. We were able to plan our route to Nova Scotia. In order to avoid millions of people in New Jersey and New York, we have to go up thru Pennsylvania and Northern New York and then cut over above Boston.

Poking about the countryside on Thursday, we happened on a little fishing/marina town called Urbana, VA. At the dockside was a little building called the Crab Shack. We went in to see what kinds of crabs were sold. The old lady inside said they were soft-shell crabs. When we asked about them, she said, "you fry them crisp and eat the whole thing, shell and all!" Having never done this we bought some small crabs and took them home and tried them. They were delicious, legs and all! She also gave us a recipe for crab cakes, which we had never made, along with selling us a \$14 carton of crab! Needless to say, we had crab cakes for dinner that night. They were also a revelation for us California folks.

We will be off on Saturday towards Washington DC.

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