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Flying in formation over Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge

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A squadron of American White Pelicans flies in tight formation over Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge. White Pelicans are one of the largest North American birds. They feed by dipping their bills into the water and scooping up prey, they do not plunge-dive from the air like Brown Pelicans. It is unusual to see this bird on the Outer Banks. The National Wildlife Refuges Visitor Center on Roanoke Island is open Mon-Sat 9:00 am-4:00 pm & Sunday noon-4:00 pm; admission is FREE. Alligator River and Pea Island National Wildlife Refuges are open daylight hours year-round. Explore on your own! Or for a list of exciting and educational guided programs (canoe trips, Red Wolf howlings, bear excursions, bird walks, tram trips and more), visit: <http://www.fws.gov/alligatorriver/spec.html>