



Protect wildlife. Respect the beach.

Volusia County's beaches provide habitat for several endangered and threatened species including sea turtles, gopher tortoises, beach mice and shore birds that nest and forage along the beach.

Sea turtle nesting season (May 1 through October 31)



Sea turtles generally emerge from the surf at night to lay their eggs in the dry sand. After covering their nests, they return to the sea. Two months later, nearly 100 hatchlings emerge and crawl to the ocean.

Nests are marked clearly and should not be disturbed. Lighting from beachfront property is restricted during sea turtle nesting season.

During sea turtle nesting season, the beach is open to driving from 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. unless there are high tide conditions.

www.volusiaseaturtles.org

Coastal wildlife

To help us protect coastal wildlife and habitat, please:

- Do not disturb marked turtle nests. These areas are being studied and protected.
- Do not touch turtles that are crawling to or from the ocean or laying eggs. Watch from at least 30 feet away.
- Do not feed wildlife.

Conservation zone



To protect sea turtles and sand dunes, Volusia County has established a conservation zone that is off limits to vehicles.

The 30-foot-wide conservation zone stretches from the aqua-painted posts to the dunes or sea wall.

Park your vehicle east (seaward) of the conservation zone.

Sand dunes

Please stay off the dunes and do not remove sea oats or other plants. Dune vegetation is protected by law.

Keep Volusia beautiful

Place trash in blue trash receptacles. Place bottles and cans in yellow recycling containers.

Leave no trace

Please do not leave chairs, umbrellas or other items behind when you leave the beach. It's great fun to dig holes in the sand, but please fill them in when you leave. Beach equipment and holes are safety hazards for people and wildlife.

Pet-friendly beaches

Pets on leashes are permitted on the inlet side of the beach at Lighthouse Point Park, Ponce Inlet; and Smyrna Dunes Park, New Smyrna Beach.

- Do not shine lights on the beach at night. This may frighten nesting turtles and interfere with hatchlings' ability to find the sea.
- Avoid walking, running, cycling or driving through resting or feeding shorebirds.
- Report injured or dead sea turtles and distressed wildlife to a beach employee or call 386-424-2345.
- Don't litter. Cigarette butts, fishing line and other trash can harm wildlife.

Rip currents

Rip currents are channels of fast-moving water that can pull swimmers from shore.

If you are caught in a rip current, remain calm and do not fight the current. Swim parallel to the shore until you are out of the current and then swim to shore.

If you are unable to swim out of the current, calmly float or tread water. If you are unable to reach shore, draw attention to yourself by waving and yelling for help.

If you see someone in trouble, don't become a victim too. Throw the person something that floats. Get help from a lifeguard or call 911.

Jellyfish stings

Jellyfish are common in Atlantic waters and sometimes wash ashore. Jellyfish stings are rarely serious, but they may require first aid treatment. If you are stung by a jellyfish, go to the nearest lifeguard for assistance.

Lightning

Lightning can strike as far as 10 miles from where it's raining. As soon as you hear thunder, leave the beach and take shelter in an enclosed vehicle or building. Stay off the beach for 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder.



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Beach conditions: **386-423-3330**

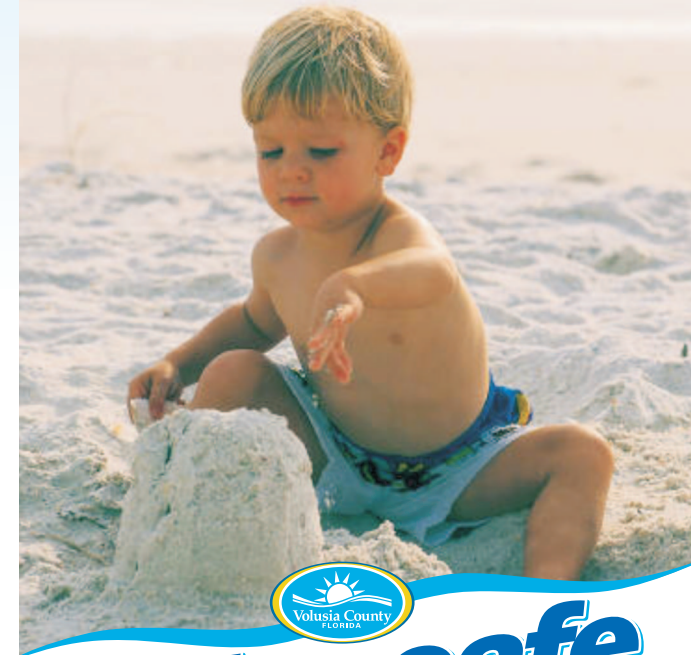
Beach safety: **386-424-2345**

Lifeguard station

207 Buenos Aires Ave.

New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169

(south beach version)



Drive safe Play safe



Welcome to
Volusia County's
beautiful
beaches!

For your safety
and comfort,
we ask that you
follow our beach
regulations and
safety tips.

SLOW!
Beach driving
speed limit is
10 mph

Beach safety

- Children should be monitored **constantly** on the beach.
- Take small children by the hand when crossing traffic.
- Sunbathing is permitted west of the parking area and east of the traffic lanes.
- Do not sit, lie or place personal property in the driving or parking areas.
- Alcohol, fireworks, pets and glass containers are not permitted on the beach.
- Music or noise audible beyond 50 feet is prohibited.

Ocean safety

- Always swim in front of a lifeguard.
- Ask a lifeguard about surf conditions and rip current risks.
- Watch children carefully when they are in the ocean.

Driving and parking

- Drive carefully and watch for pedestrians, especially children. **Observe the 10 mph speed limit.**
- Limit cruising on the beach. Find a parking spot and enjoy your day.
- Please refrain from using your cell phone while driving.
- Conservation zones are marked with aqua-painted poles. Traffic lanes are marked with traffic lane signs. Park your vehicle between the conservation zone and the traffic lanes.
- Park perpendicular to the coastline.
- Double parking is not permitted.



Driving hours

Unless there are unusual high tides, driving is permitted on the beach from:

- 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. May 1 through October 31
- Sunrise to sunset November 1 through April 30

Traffic-free zones

If you are visiting with children, you may want to choose a traffic-free zone.

- North of the jetty at Smyrna Dunes Park
- 27th Avenue south to the Volusia County line

Handicap access

Ask a lifeguard or beach attendant for information about our Beach Wheels™ program, which is free to persons with disabilities.

Off-beach parking areas near traffic-free zones

New Smyrna Beach

- Smyrna Dunes Park, 2995 N. Peninsula Drive
- 27th Avenue Park, 3701 S. Atlantic Ave.

• Matthews Avenue

• Hiles Boulevard

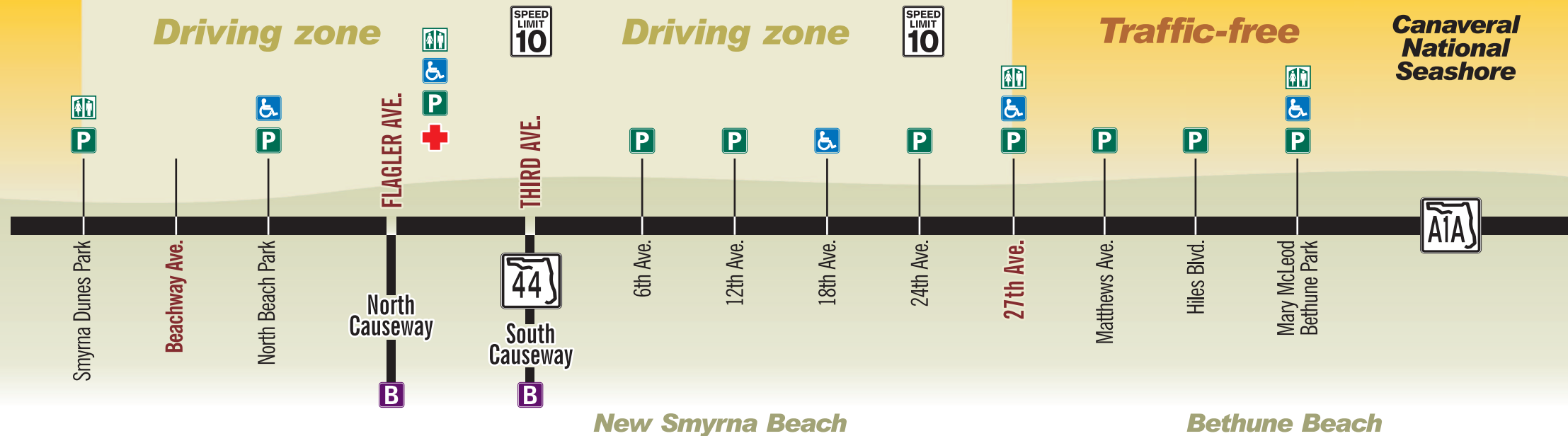
Bethune Beach

- Mary McLeod Bethune Park, 6656 S. Atlantic Ave.

Atlantic Ocean

Ponce de Leon Inlet

No driving beyond poles south of jetty



RED STREET NAMES – Indicate beach access ramps

B – Bridge to mainland

+ – Lifeguard stations

♿ – Restrooms

P – Off-beach parking

♿ – Handicap access