



Protect wildlife. Respect the beach.

Volusia County's coastal habitats include beaches and sand dunes that support a variety of plants and animals. Among these are threatened and endangered species such as sea turtles, gopher tortoises, southeastern beach mice and piping plovers.

Sea turtle nesting season (May 1 through October 31)



Sea turtles generally crawl onto the beach at night to lay their eggs in the dry sand. After covering their nests, they return to the sea. Hatchlings emerge from nests in about two months and crawl to the ocean.

Nests are marked daily and may not be disturbed. Lighting visible from the beach can confuse sea turtles and 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 unsafe tide or weather conditions.

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Conservation zone



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

The conservation zone extends from the posts to the dunes or sea wall. The conservation zone is 15 - 30 feet wide.

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 plastic bottles and aluminum cans in yellow recycling containers.

Leave no trace

For the safety of others and wildlife, do not leave chairs, umbrellas or other items behind when you leave the beach. County staff may remove any items left on the beach between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. It's great fun to dig holes in the sand, but please fill them in when you leave.

Pet-friendly areas

Pets on leashes are permitted on the inlet side of the shores at Lighthouse Point Park and Smyrna Dunes Park. They are not permitted on ocean-fronting beaches.

Service animals are welcome.

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. Watch from 30 feet away.
- Do not feed wildlife, including birds.
- Do not litter. Cigarette butts, fishing line and other trash can harm wildlife.

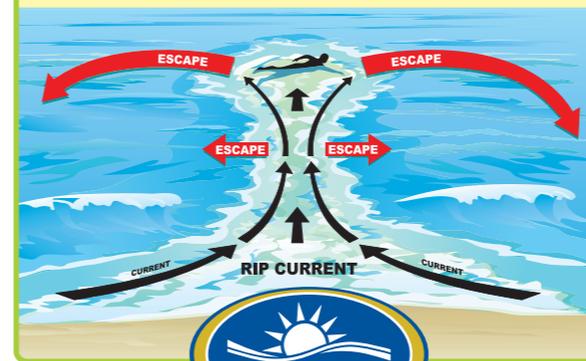
- Do not walk, run, cycle or drive through resting or feeding shorebirds.
- Do not shine lights on the beach at night. This may frighten nesting turtles and interfere with hatchlings' ability to find the sea.
- Report injured or dead sea turtles and distressed wildlife to a beach employee or call 386-239-SURF.

Beach safety

- Monitor children closely at all times. Hold their hands when crossing traffic.
- Sunbathe west of parking areas and east of traffic lanes only.
- Do not sit, lie or place personal property in driving and parking areas.
- Alcohol, fireworks, pets and glass containers are not permitted on the beach.
- Music and noise audible beyond 50 feet is prohibited.

Ocean safety

- Swim in front of a *staffed* lifeguard tower at all times.
- Check the lifeguard tower sign and flag color for current surf conditions.
- Leave the beach during storms. Lightning can strike 10 miles from where it is raining. Adhere to lifeguard storm warnings.
- Jellyfish stings are rarely serious, but may require first aid. Do not wash stings in fresh water or showers as this aggravates the sting. Use saltwater only. Contact the closest lifeguard.
- Rip currents are dangerous. Do not swim against the current. Stay calm, tread water and wave arms for help. The current will eventually slow. Swim parallel to the shoreline.



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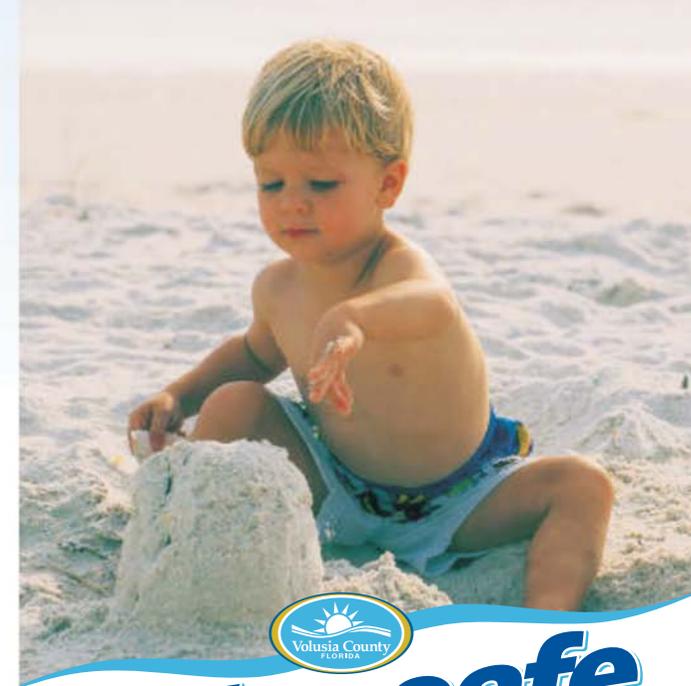


Beach conditions and safety: 386-239-SURF

Lifeguard Headquarters and Administration Center

515 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL 32118

(south beach version) Updated April 2017



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

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.
- Drive with your headlights on and a front window down.
- Please refrain from using your cell phone while driving.
- Texting while driving is prohibited.
- Park perpendicular to the coastline.
- Double parking is not permitted.



Driving hours

Weather and/or tides permitting, driving is allowed on the beach from:

- 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. May 1 through Oct. 31
- Sunrise to sunset Nov. 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

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.

No beach parking

Parking is not allowed in front of:

- Flagler Avenue Park, New Smyrna Beach
- Ester Park, New Smyrna Beach

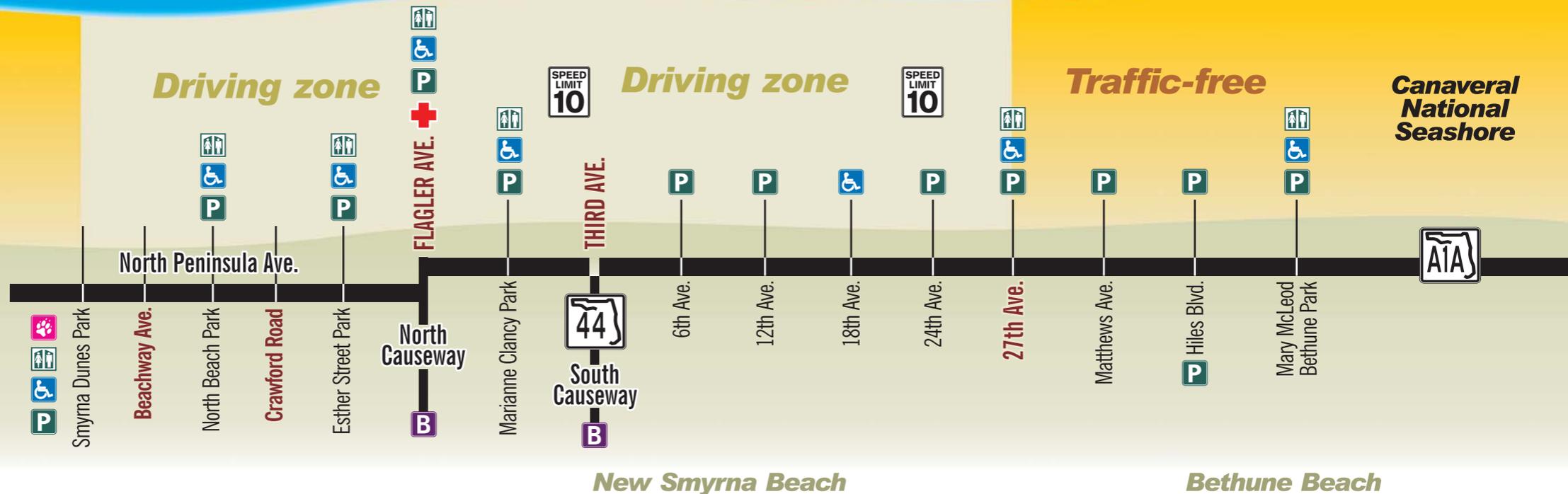
RES-Q bracelets

Parents can pick up free, bright yellow RES-Q (Reuniting Everyone Safely and Quickly) bracelets at lifeguard towers or from any Beach Safety Officer. Parents can write their name and phone number on the bracelet before placing it on the child's wrist. If the child gets displaced from family members, Beach Safety staff can use the phone number to contact the parents quickly.

Atlantic Ocean

Ponce de Leon Inlet

No driving beyond poles south of jetty



RED STREET NAMES – Vehicle access ramps

B – Bridge to mainland

+ – Lifeguard stations

– Restrooms

P – Off-beach parking

– Handicap access

– Dog-friendly area