

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.



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 cellphone while driving.
- Texting while driving is prohibited.
- Park perpendicular to the coastline.
- Double parking is not permitted.
- Do not park west of the marked conservation zone posts or east of the traffic lane.
- Do not drive into posted natural beach management areas or traffic free zones.
- Do not sit, lie or place personal property in driving and parking areas.



SLOW!
Beach driving
speed limit is
10 mph

Driving hours

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

- **8 a.m. - 7 p.m. May 1 through Oct. 31**
- **Sunrise to sunset Nov. 1 through April 30**



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Beach conditions and safety: 386-239-SURF

Lifeguard Headquarters and Administration Center

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

Maps of beachside parks and access ramps available upon request at toll booths and volusia.org/beachdriving.

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Welcome to Volusia County's beautiful beaches!

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 sea and shorebirds. While you visit our beaches, we ask that you do your part to protect the wildlife by observing our beach regulations and safety tips. Please make sure you help keep our beaches beautiful and properly dispose of your trash in the receptacles.

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Sea turtle nesting season

(May 1 through Oct. 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 should 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. to 7 p.m. unless there are unsafe tide or weather conditions. For more information and lighting tips, visit volusiaseaturtles.org.



Coastal wildlife

To help us protect coastal wildlife and habitat, please:

- Do not disturb marked turtle nests.
- 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**.

Sand dunes

Please stay off the dunes and do not remove sea oats or other plants. The roots of dune vegetation are important for stabilizing the beach. Altering the dune system in any way is discouraged and may be against the law. Please use designated beach access points.

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. Deep holes are a safety hazard and can trap wildlife.

Service animals

Only service animals are allowed on the beach.

Keep Volusia beautiful

Beachgoers should remember to leave only footprints and remove all of the items they bring to the beach, especially their trash. Items left on the beach can create obstacles and hazards for emergency workers, pedestrians and wildlife. Trash left on the beach can also attract predators and be ingested by wildlife. Please dispose of trash properly. There are many trash receptacles along the beach.

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.
- 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.

