

Please Help Protect Florida's Fragile Coastal Wildlife and Habitat

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Welcome to Volusia County!

We hope you enjoy our beautiful beaches during your stay. In addition to being a great place to enjoy the sun and surf, our beaches are important nesting areas for endangered and threatened sea turtles and our dunes provide homes to many other protected plants and animals.

During your stay, we hope you will help us protect our coastal habitats and wildlife.

In Volusia County sea turtle nesting season is from May through October each year. During this time there are a few simple things you can do to protect these magnificent creatures:

- Observe turtles from a distance. Sea turtles are protected under state and federal laws, which makes it illegal to touch or disturb nesting sea turtles, hatchlings or their nests.
- Bring lights into conformance with the County lighting ordinance by ensuring that the light does not illuminate the beach and the source cannot be seen from the beach. This helps to prevent disturbing adults and disorienting hatchlings.
- While on the beach at night, avoid using flashlights or flash photography.
- Remove beach furniture and trash when you leave the beach to minimize obstacles and entanglement risks for nesting sea turtles and hatchlings.
- Only drive in designated areas, do not park or drive inside the Conservation Zone (marked by aqua poles), and watch out for turtle nest barriers.
- Use designated dune walkovers when crossing the dune system to protect fragile dune vegetation.

If you see an adult or hatchling sea turtle, do not attempt to put it back in the water.

If you see suspicious activity, please call

Volusia County Beach Patrol (7 a.m. - 7 p.m.)
(386) 239-6414 (Daytona Beach)
(386) 424-2345 (New Smyrna Beach area)

Volusia County Sheriff's Office
(After hours)
(386) 248-1777 and press 1

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1-888-404-FWCC