

NC SEA TURTLE NESTING SEASON

MAY – OCTOBER

PLEASE DO NOT DISTURB

The beach is fun to enjoy with friends and family and is also a critical nesting habitat for sea turtles.

OBSTACLES AND HAZARDS

Beach furniture, holes in the sand, canopies and tents all create obstacles for sea turtle hatchlings and nesting mothers. Bring in your beach equipment for the night and fill in holes after you dig them to protect turtles.

Trash is another hazard for sea turtles. Remember to carry out what you carry in.

LIGHTS OUT FOR SEA TURTLES

Artificial lights from flashlights, cell phones, camera flashes, interior lamps, and outside building lights can create serious problems for nesting sea turtles and hatchlings causing them to disorient and wander away from the ocean.

To prevent lights from illuminating the beach, turn off unnecessary lights, shield, or redirect outdoor lights and close blinds and curtains to block interior lights and you can help save sea turtles.

SEA TURTLE PROTECTION

Sea turtles are a federally protected species. It's illegal to harass, molest, collect, or otherwise harm sea turtles eggs, hatchlings, and adults.

To report violations call The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission at 1-800-622-7137.

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Sea turtles dig it here