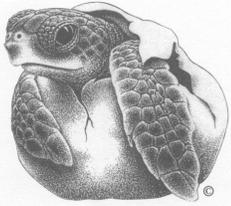


# Share the Beach

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## How to Contact us:

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## Sea Turtle Facts

Kemp's Ridley  
(*Lepidochelys  
kempii*)

- Status:  
Endangered
- An uncommon visitor to Alabama.
- Measures up to 3' in length and can weigh more than 350 pounds.
- Named for the color of its fat which was used to make turtle

Dear Sea Turtle Volunteers,

Our next meeting is scheduled for **June 26th, 6:30 pm** at **Gulf State Park Resort** in the **Boardroom**. Everyone is always welcome to attend, however if you have been trained and choose not to attend all the meetings, please remember to send us your monthly time sheets as well as keep us updated on any nests or strandings you encounter. It is also important to let us know (as well as your team leader) if you plan on being out of town and are not able to patrol your normal times. That way we will be able to contact other volunteers to fill in your gap for that time.

Our hatchling training session will be held Wednesday, July 18th at 6:30pm. The location has yet to be established, but will be held somewhere in Gulf State Park. Please mark this date on your calendar.

## Nests

We have **20** nests as of Wednesday, June 20th.

### West Beach East:

- 5/30 1397 Hwy 182 - Green?
- 5/31 Loggerhead
- 6/4 Island Winds – Loggerhead
- 6/5 4<sup>th</sup> St.
- 6/13 1143 W. Beach Blvd
- 6/16 vacant lot next to 1469, Loggerhead

### Laguna Key:

- 5/26 Loggerhead
- 6/7 2157 W. Beach Blvd.- possible Kemp's or Green ?
- 6/8 Loggerhead
- 6/13 W. Beach Blvd.
- 6/13 2075 W. Beach Blvd.– Loggerhead
- 6/14 Loggerhead

### Gulf State Park:

- 5/29 Green
- 6/5 Loggerhead
- 6/15 Loggerhead
- 6/18 Loggerhead

### Orange Beach:

- 5/30 Silver Beach
- 6/15 Windward Pt. & Shoalwaters, - Loggerhead

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**Alpha** – Orange Beach/Perdido Bay

**Bravo** – Romar Beach

**Charlie** – Gulf State Park

**Delta** – Gulf Shores Beach

**Echo** – Laguna Keys & West Beach West

**Foxtrot I & II** – West Beach East

**Gulf** – Fort Morgan



**Reminder:**

If you feel a nest needs to be relocated, contact this office. Normally, we will not be moving nests, but if one needs to be moved a member of the State or Service needs to be at the location.

6/15 Yachtsman Condo, between 29060 & 29070, Loggerhead Gulf Shores:

5/29 Lighthouse – Loggerhead

**False Crawls**

If you encounter false crawls, please report those by calling us. Because of the great publicity we've been getting, some people are calling in false crawls that have already been recognized by our volunteers. It is important that we keep a record of these false crawls as well as avoid any unnecessary confusion.

**Labeling Nests**

We would like everyone to start labeling their nests, including their existing ones. We plan to use a letter and number combination. Each nest code will start with the first letter of the team name followed by a number. For example, Foxtrot's first nest will be marked "F1". This will enable us to produce organized reports of the ETA's for hatchlings. Listed in the margin are the teams and their designated areas.

**Team Organization**

We currently have a lot of people who've signed up to volunteer, but not a lot of people designated to teams. Attached is a list of the teams which has been revised since the last meeting. If you are interested in either patrolling the beach or nest sitting and are not on this list, please let us know so we can get you on the list! The last thing we want to do is leave anyone out, so please don't hesitate to call.

**Miscellaneous**

We have received several reports of people disturbing the turtles while they come on the beach to nest during the night. Unfortunately there is not much we can do about this, but if you do see people disturbing a turtle, please inform them that lights, noise, and a crowd of people may disturb these threatened/endangered animals. You may also warn them that perpetrators are subject to a fine, and you may call the police to help disband the crowd..

We are having a training session for a girl scout troop on Saturday, July 14th. If any of you have not been able to attend a training session on marking nests, you are welcome to come. The time and location has not officially been established yet.

Thanks for your dedication.

Happy Turtling



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