

Sea Turtle Volunteer Program

Share the Beach



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Just a Reminder

If you have not turned in your volunteer service agreement, please do so now. These are required to participate in the program.

Important Dates

Next Meeting: June 13th at 6:30pm

Location: Gulf State Park Resort Hotel



Loggerhead sea turtle with telemetry tag. Photo: USFWS.

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Share the Beach Update

Dear Sea Turtle Volunteers,

Thanks to all of you who attended our two training sessions. If you were unable to attend and still need a handbook, you can pick those up at the Gulf State Park Nature Center. For those of you that already have a handbook, you will notice that there are four empty sections. We will be adding more info as the season progresses, so please make an effort to attend the meetings and training sessions so that you will receive all the handouts.

We have dropped off all of the equipment tubs to the team leaders but from here on out you can get more stakes, screens, flagging tape and data sheets at three central locations: Bon Secour NWR Office, Gulf State Park Nature Center (under the stairs), and the Orange Beach Fire Station. The Orange Beach Fire Station is on Hwy 161 and the materials are kept in the storage shed behind the police and fire stations. The equipment at both the Nature Station and Fire Station is available 24 hours a day. We have new arrivals to our team. Haley is a new SCA intern at Bon Secour and Natalie and Jennifer are the new interns at Gulf State Park.



This is the assigned lettering that each team will use when labeling their nests:

Bon Secour/Ft Morgan:	A (alpha)
Laguna Key:	B (bravo)
West Beach #2:	C (charlie)
West Beach #1:	D (delta)
Gulf Shores/ East Beach:	E (echo)
Gulf State Park	G (golf)
Orange Beach:	H (hotel)
Ono Island/ AL Point:	I (india)

Note: After each letter the team will assign a number to each nest based on the order of discovery. For example the third nest found on Orange Beach will be labeled H-3.

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Nest Update

We have had a total of six loggerhead nests reported so far:

- Bon Secour/ Ft Morgan: 4 loggerhead nests
- Laguna Key: 1 loggerhead nest
- Ono Island: 1 loggerhead nest

We have reports from Carol at Bon Secour that she has spotted numerous false crawls and Kelly found one false crawl at Gulf State Park in the past two weeks, so we know that the females are definitely coming ashore to check out the beaches and find the right spot.

Remember to fill out the data sheets and to draw the crawl diagram on the back of the sheet for each nest you find. Please fax or send in a copy of the data sheet to the Daphne Field Office (251-441-6222) after you have measured the nesting info so that we can keep track of where they are located. Hold on to the original of the data sheet until the nest has hatched.

