



Emerald Isle Sea Turtle Nesting and Hatching Season May 1st Thru Oct 31st

PLEASE HELP by observing the following:

FILL IN ALL HOLES that you dig (mother turtles can get stuck AND people walking at night can get seriously injured; they are also a danger to emergency vehicles)

NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY and NO FLASHLIGHTS (they disturb nesting mother turtles and temporarily blind hatching baby turtles)

KEEP OUTSIDE LIGHTS OFF at night (they disturb nesting mother turtles and disorient hatching baby turtles toward the light and away from the ocean, which is where the turtles need to go)

PICK UP TRASH especially Plastic bags (turtles think plastic bags are jellyfish, which is their main food source; they eat them and get sick)

FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL in North Carolina (loud noise keeps mother turtles from coming on shore to nest and disturbs baby turtles during hatching)

REMOVE BEACH EQUIPMENT at the end of each day (they can cause nesting mothers and hatchlings to become trapped)

CALL THE POLICE at 252-354-2021 or LOCAL NUMBER 252-646-8292 if you see a nesting turtle, hatching nest, hatchling on the beach, stranded sea turtle, hooked or captured Sea turtle, or dead Sea Turtle.

THEN PLEASE SIT DOWN, PLEASE STAY QUIET, AND ENJOY A GREAT EXPERIENCE!