

**Loggerhead Turtle**  
(*Caretta caretta*)

**No Dudes!** Did you know that Loggerheads are known for their big robbins? I guess that is true. They get their totally cool name! Fully grown adults can be 4 feet long and weigh between 200 and 300 pounds!

When their stomachs are rumbling, Loggerheads crave sticky treats like trash, sticks, and coconuts.

Recently hatched in Florida will migrate back to Florida beaches to feed. One cluster may wait 3-5 weeks from April to September. Between 100-120 eggs will hatch around 55-60 days later, and one-by-one, the little babies will climb out of their nest and head towards the ocean.

**Do Your Part To Save Our Sea Turtles!**  
Loggerheads are seriously threatened and protected by law, but all of us turtles could use some help from you human dudes!

Turtles hatch on sandy beaches to keep our beaches clear of trash and obstacles like chairs, umbrellas, and sand castles. If we knock into them we might hurt them or make it back to the ocean! Clean up after hanging out at the beach to keep our path to the ocean clear and clean!

**Be good to the big ol' ole, and it will be good to you!**

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**DO NOT DISTURB SEA TURTLE NEST**

**VIOLATORS SUBJECT TO FINES AND IMPRISONMENT**

Florida law Chapter 379, (2005) U.S. Endangered Species Act of 1973  
To protect the sea turtles, nesting, feeding, resting, and other activities, nests, eggs, and hatchlings are protected and often are given special status. It is illegal to harass, harm, hunt, take, export, import, sell, buy, or transport sea turtles, their parts, or eggs. It is illegal to harass or take a turtle.

Sea turtles are protected by a permit only in the state of Florida. If you are in Florida and you have a permit, you may be allowed to take a turtle, but you must follow the rules of the permit.

Should you witness a violation, please call the Florida Department of Natural Resources, please contact FWC at 888-4FWC-3663. Call phone numbers are listed on all FWC signs, depending on your service provider.

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Wildlife Management Division