

Share the Beach

Sea turtles are in decline around the world. Some threats to their existence include:

- loss of habitat
- hatchling disorientation due to beachfront lighting
- being caught in shrimp nets or entangled in fishing gear
- pollutants
- mistaking trash (plastic bags) for food (jellyfish)
- international trade of sea turtle products
- the use of sea turtles and their eggs as food

How you can help!

Imagine working to help save endangered and threatened sea turtles. This is an everyday experience at Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge. The refuge hosts three species of nesting sea turtles: the loggerhead, green, and Kemp's Ridley.

The entire process from egg laying to nest hatching takes 60-75 days and volunteers help monitor the nests laid along Alabama's coast. You can patrol for nests, monitor nests and collect data, assist during hatching events, and help restore habitat. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service requires no special skills or equipment and will provide the necessary training.

While there is no age limit, anyone less than 18 years of age must have written parental permission and students under the age of 16, may volunteer as part of a supervised group. All volunteers will be required to fill out and sign a Volunteer Services Agreement.

For more information, please call 1-866-Sea-Turtle

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