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Adopt a Sea Turtle Nest at Canaveral Nat'l Seashore

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The State of Florida provides critical nesting habitat for threatened and endangered sea turtles, including Loggerheads, Greens and Leatherbacks. In fact, the east coast of Florida hosts the largest population of nesting Loggerheads in the world. In 2019, recorded nests in Florida exceeded 160,000.

Unfortunately, much of this habitat is disappearing due to coastal development, beach armoring and sea level rise. Canaveral National Seashore's 24 miles of undeveloped beach and intact dune system continues to be a stable nesting area for marine turtles. Female turtles crawl up from the ocean, deposit their eggs and return to the sea.

Each nest that is laid in Canaveral is part of the Statewide Nesting Beach Survey program that has tracked nesting populations going back to 1979. Rangers and Volunteers are critical to the success of the protection and turtle tracking efforts. In 2019 nests laid in Canaveral reached a record 13,000!

You too can be a part of the conservation efforts at Canaveral to protect these threatened and endangered marine turtles by making a donation to the Adopt a Sea Turtle Nest.

Thank you
for your continued support!

*Fun Fact: Canaveral has the highest number of sea turtle nests than any other National Park...
Can you name the other 10 parks where sea turtles nest?*

ADOPT A SEA TURTLE NEST is an opportunity for visitors, friends and nature lovers to participate in and contribute to sea turtle conservation. Your donation of \$40 supports the protection efforts of these threatened and endangered species.

Sea turtle nests will be available for adoption beginning June 1, 2020. All adoptable sea turtle nests will be located within the 24 miles of undeveloped coastline within the boundaries of Canaveral National Seashore.

ONLINE

Go to www.friendsofcanaveral.com, fill out the online form and submit with your \$40 donation per credit card.

MAIL

Fill out the form below and return with your \$40 donation to Friends of Canaveral, PO Box 1526, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32170. (Make out check to Friends of Canaveral, Inc)

Once we receive your Adopt a Sea Turtle Nest info, you will:

1. Be assigned a sea turtle nest with an ID number.
2. Receive a digital photo of your nest and ID stake with your name included, plus a digital clip showing a nesting sea turtle.
3. Be mailed a custom made sea turtle print bandana, a Friends of Canaveral sticker, and an original Canaveral National Seashore postcard.
4. Approximately 7 weeks later, you will receive a digital clip of sea turtle hatchlings crawling to the ocean.

FAQs



Can I request a species of turtle? Probably not, nests are adopted based on the date we receive your information and what nests were laid that night.

Do I own my nest? No, your nest is protected by law and cannot be disturbed.

Can anyone else adopt my nest? No, your nest is exclusive to you. We don't adopt the same nest twice.

Can I visit my nest? Probably not. There are thousands of nests laid over a 24-mile area during nesting season. However, if you visit Canaveral during nesting season, you will see ID stakes of other sea turtle nests.

Can I see my nest emerge/hatch? Most nests hatch in the dark of night when it is safe for hatchlings to get to the water. It is rare to see a nest emerge.



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