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## National Park Service News Release

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## TURTLE WATCH RESERVATIONS BEGIN ON May 15TH FOR PROGRAMS SET IN SUMMER 2021

Starting Saturday, May 15 at 9:00 a.m., staff at Canaveral National Seashore will begin taking telephone reservations for this year's summer Turtle Watch programs. The number to call is (386) 428-3384 ext. 223 on the first day for reservations. Starting the 16<sup>th</sup> use extension 0 (zero).

The programs are open to all persons eight (8) years of age and older. Programs are limited to fifteen (15) persons per night with a maximum of six (6) persons per reservation call. The fee for this program is \$14.00 per person ages 16 and above, 15 and under are free. Persons with Access or a Senior Pass receive a 50% discount for the cardholder only. Children must be 8 years old to participate. While visitors are not guaranteed a view of a nesting sea turtle, the 2019 success rate exceeded 90%. Fees will not be refunded if a sea turtle is not found; however unfavorable weather conditions may be cause for a refund of fees if the program is canceled. During June, programs are scheduled on most Friday and Saturday nights.

The programs for 2021 will be provided in the Playalinda District of Canaveral National Seashore, located near Titusville, programs will run from 9:00 p.m. until Midnight.

Please have several dates (June 4,5,11,12,18,19,25 & 26) in mind when you call, and we ask that you keep your calls brief. Further information and instruction will be sent to you within two (2) weeks of your phone call. Turtle Watch programs give park visitors a unique opportunity to learn about sea turtles and the role that the National Park Service plays in their conservation.

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