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SEA TURTLE ADVENTURES

2026 NESTING SEASON

Dear Gulf Stream residents,

Sea Turtle Adventures is responsible for monitoring Gulf Stream's 2.3 miles of beach. As we prepare for the 2026 sea turtle nesting season, we want to share some highlights from 2025 and thank you for continuing to play an important role in the success of nesting sea turtles. Beginning in March, we will be conducting lighting surveys in compliance with the Town of Gulf Stream sea turtle lighting ordinance (Town Code Chapter 38 Article IV) which strongly encourages all light sources to be shielded, covered, or turned off to prevent visibility from the beach.

2025 Gulf Stream Nest Count

Total Crawls: 1,145

- 630 False Crawls
- 515 documented nests
- 380 Loggerhead
- 125 Green
- 10 Leatherback
- 32,509 hatchlings!

Preparing for the 2026 Nesting Season

- Turn off or shield beachfront lighting at night
- Remove beach furniture, toys, and other obstacles from the sand each evening
- Fill in holes and flatten sand to provide safe nesting and hatchling pathways
- Respect marked nests and observe sea turtles from a safe distance



Why Your Help Matters...

Each summer in Gulf Stream, sea turtle hatchlings rely on the moon and stars to guide them to the ocean. Bright lights from nearby homes can distract them, leading them away from the shoreline and putting them at risk.

By reducing artificial lighting and embracing turtle-friendly practices, our community can help more hatchlings safely reach the sea.



Say hello when you see our ATV on the beach this summer! If you would like to learn more about sea turtles or get involved with Sea Turtle Adventures, please contact us. During nesting season, we offer night walks, ATV-ride-along nest adoptions, public nest digs, beach cleanups, and other family-friendly programs. Check out our website or follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/SeaTurtleAdventures for upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. We are always grateful for donations, as we receive no government funding.

[Links to additional information](#)

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