



## Protect wildlife. Respect the beach.

Volusia County's coastline includes beaches and dunes that serve as habitat for several endangered and threatened species including sea turtles, gopher tortoises, beach mice and shore birds that nest and forage along the beach.

## Sea turtle nesting season (May 1 through October 31)



Sea turtles generally crawl onto the beach at night to lay their eggs in the dry sand. After covering their nests, they return to the sea. Hatchlings emerge from nests in about two months and crawl to the ocean.

Nests are marked daily and may not be disturbed. Lighting visible from the beach can confuse sea turtles and is restricted during sea turtle nesting season.

During sea turtle nesting season, the beach is open to driving from 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. unless there are unsafe tide or weather conditions.

[www.volusiaseaturtles.org](http://www.volusiaseaturtles.org)

## Coastal wildlife

To help us protect coastal wildlife and habitat, please:

- Do not disturb marked turtle nests. These areas are being studied and protected.
- Do not touch turtles that are crawling to or from the ocean or laying eggs. Watch from at least 30 feet away.
- Do not feed wildlife.

## Conservation zone



To protect sea turtles and sand dunes, Volusia County has established a conservation zone that is off limits to vehicles.

The conservation zone extends from the aqua-painted posts to the dunes or sea wall. The conservation zone is 15 - 30 feet wide.

Park your vehicle east (seaward) of the conservation zone.

## Sand dunes

Please stay off the dunes and do not remove sea oats or other plants. Dune vegetation is protected by law.

## Keep Volusia beautiful

Place trash in blue trash receptacles. Place bottles and cans in yellow recycling containers.

## Leave no trace

Please do not leave chairs, umbrellas or other items behind when you leave the beach. It's great fun to dig holes in the sand, but please fill them in when you leave. Beach equipment and holes are safety hazards for people and wildlife.

## Pet-friendly beach areas

Pets on leashes are permitted on the inlet side of the beach at Lighthouse Point Park, Ponce Inlet; and Smyrna Dunes Park, New Smyrna Beach.

- Do not shine lights on the beach at night. This may frighten nesting turtles and interfere with hatchlings' ability to find the sea.
- Avoid walking, running, cycling or driving through resting or feeding shorebirds.
- Report injured or dead sea turtles and distressed wildlife to a beach employee or call 386-239-SURF.
- Don't litter. Cigarette butts, fishing line and other trash can harm wildlife.

## Beach safety

- Monitor children closely at all times.
- Take small children by the hand when crossing traffic.
- Sunbathing is permitted west of the parking area and east of the traffic lanes.
- Do not sit, lie or place personal property in the driving or parking areas.
- Alcohol, fireworks, pets and glass containers are not permitted on the beach.
- Music or noise audible beyond 50 feet is prohibited.

## Ocean safety

- Always swim in front of a lifeguard.
- Ask a lifeguard about surf conditions and rip current risks.



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Beach conditions: **386-423-3330**

Beach safety: **386-424-2345**

**Lifeguard Station**

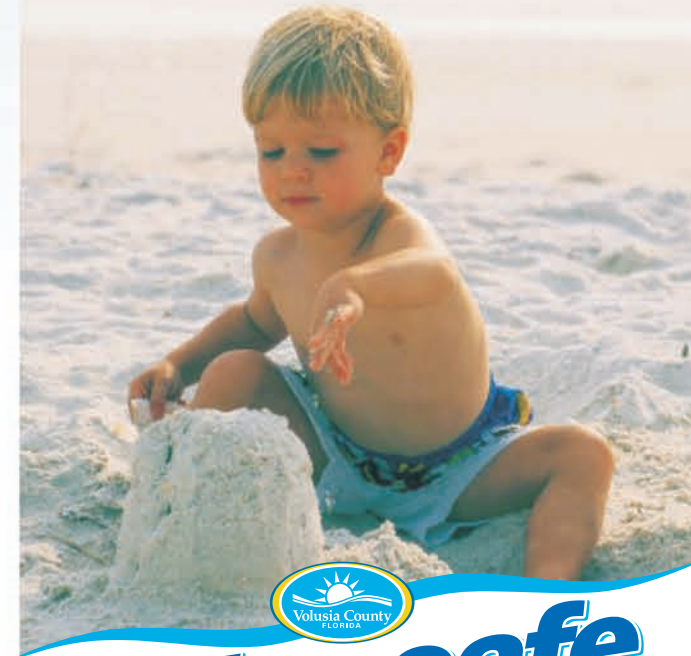
207 Buenos Aires Ave.  
New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169



(south beach version)



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# Drive safe Play safe



Welcome to  
Volusia County's  
beautiful  
beaches!

For your safety  
and comfort,  
we ask that you  
follow our beach  
regulations and  
safety tips.

**SLOW!**  
Beach driving  
speed limit is  
10 mph

## Driving and parking

- Drive carefully and watch for pedestrians, especially children. **Observe the 10 mph speed limit.**
- Limit cruising on the beach. Find a parking spot and enjoy your day.
- Drive with your headlights on and your window down.
- Please refrain from using your cell phone while driving.
- Texting while driving is prohibited.
- Park perpendicular to the coastline.
- Double parking is not permitted.



## Driving hours

Weather and/or tides permitting, driving is allowed on the beach from:

- 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. May 1 through Oct. 31
- Sunrise to sunset Nov. 1 through April 30

## Traffic-free zones

If you are visiting with children, you may want to choose a traffic-free zone.

- North of the jetty at Smyrna Dunes Park
- 27th Avenue south to the Volusia County line

## Off-beach parking areas near traffic-free zones

### New Smyrna Beach

- Smyrna Dunes Park, 2995 N. Peninsula Drive
- 27th Avenue Park, 3701 S. Atlantic Ave.
- Matthews Avenue
- Hiles Boulevard

### Bethune Beach

- Mary McLeod Bethune Park, 6656 S. Atlantic Ave.

## No beach parking

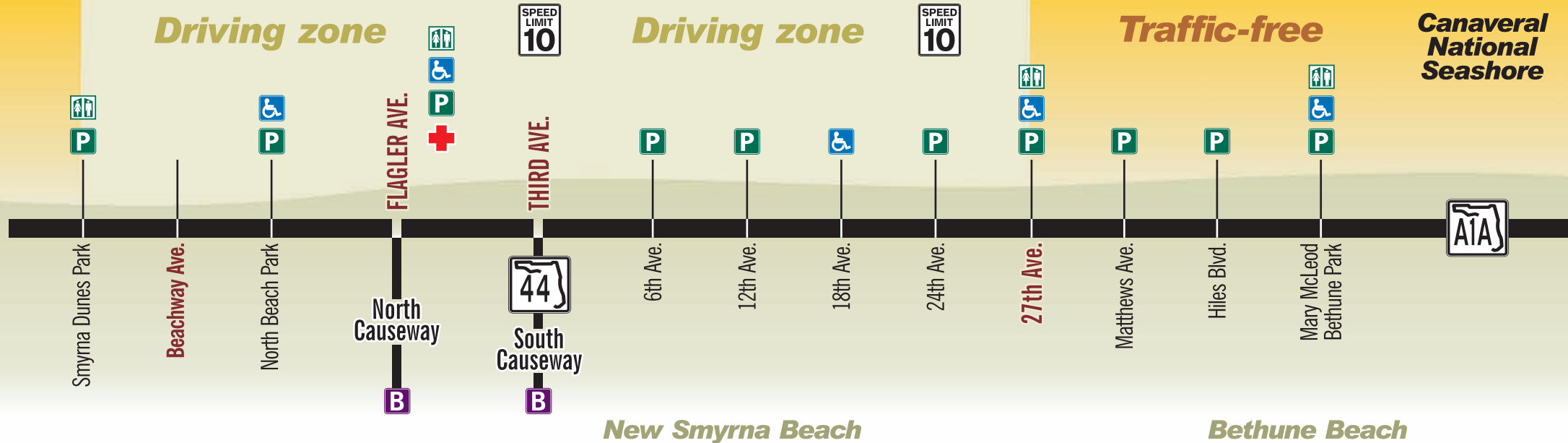
Parking is not allowed in front of:

- Flagler Avenue Park

# Atlantic Ocean

Ponce de Leon Inlet

No driving beyond poles south of jetty



RED STREET NAMES – Vehicle access ramps

**B** – Bridge to mainland

**+** – Lifeguard stations

– Restrooms

**P** – Off-beach parking

– Handicap access