



2017 Turtle Walk Program

Online reservations available **Monday, May 1, 2017 for Members,**
Monday, May 8, 2017 for Non-members.

What is a Turtle Walk?

A fun, educational night program about sea turtles beginning in Gumbo Limbo's classroom, followed by an ecology walk along the beach... and the chance to see a nesting loggerhead sea turtle!

Am I guaranteed to see a nesting sea turtle?

Programs are scheduled during the height of the sea turtle nesting season in southeast Florida, however, as with any wildlife experience, sea turtle sightings are not guaranteed and refunds cannot be given if a turtle is not seen.

Is there an age limit for Turtle Walks?

Yes, children must be at least 8 years old. All minors under the age of 18 must attend with an adult.

When do Turtle Walks take place?

Turtle Walks are scheduled during the height of the sea turtle nesting season in southeast Florida. We offer walks on **Thursday nights May 18, May 5, and June 1**, and every **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday night from June 6-July 13 (no program on July 4)**. Turtle Walks start at 8:45 pm. Doors open at 8:30 pm. for check-in. The program ends after one loggerhead is seen, or at 12:00 am, whichever occurs first.

What do I have to do to attend a Turtle Walk?

Reservations are required; purchase online reservations in advance. Continue reading to learn how. Please bring your email confirmation with you the night of your program.

Do Friends of Gumbo Limbo Members get a discount or other privileges?

Yes, Friends of Gumbo Limbo Members receive a discount on a specific number of reservations, and are eligible to participate in Members-Only Reservations. Members will receive a unique access code to access the Members-Only Reservations.

ONLINE RESERVATIONS

Reservations can be purchased online through Brown Paper Tickets via www.gumbolimbo.org/turtle. Alternatively, you may call Brown Paper Tickets to make reservations at 1-800-838-3006.

There is a limit of 40 reservations per evening, with one reservation required per person. Children must be 8 or older, and must attend with an adult. We generally sell out for each evening. Please bring your email confirmation with you the night of your program.

MEMBERS-ONLY RESERVATIONS will begin on **Monday, May 1, 2017 at 9:00 am**. Members will be provided a unique access code, and Memberships will be verified. The following Membership privilege applies:

- Individual Memberships, 2 reservations may be purchased in advance and/or at \$10 each.
- Family Memberships, 6 reservations may be purchased in advance and/or at \$10 each.
- Donor/Contributor Memberships, 10 reservations may be purchased in advance and/or at \$10 each.

Members wishing to purchase additional reservations may do so at full price using [General Reservations](#). Space is limited, and Membership does not guarantee reservations.

GENERAL RESERVATIONS will begin on **Monday, May 8, 2017 at 9:00 am**. There is a limit of 6 reservations per purchase, and the reservations are \$17 each.

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Where do we go on the night of our reservation?

On the evening of the program, park in Gumbo Limbo's parking lot and follow the "Program" signs to the classroom. Please bring your email confirmation. Check-in will begin at 8:30 PM, and the presentation will begin promptly at 8:45 PM. After the presentation is complete, we will caravan to the beach for an ecology walk. You will need your own transportation.

What if it rains?

Bring a raincoat! Sea turtles will nest in the rain, so our program will go on. If there is lightning, we will not go to the beach; but we will not make that decision until that evening (afternoon storms often clear up in the evening).

How do you find the nesting sea turtles?

A trained Gumbo Limbo Scout will be searching the beach for a nesting loggerhead turtle. If one is found, the Scout will radio to Staff. We will caravan to the location of the sea turtle.

What if we do not get to see a nesting turtle?

The sea turtles have their own schedule (and they don't share it with us), so we do not always get to see one. In the past our success rate has ranged from approximately 50% to 75%. If we do not witness a sea turtle on the beach, the program will end at midnight. Because the presence of a sea turtle is out of our control, refunds, rescheduling, or other compensation is not available if a nesting loggerhead is not seen.

Will we get to touch a sea turtle?

This is a hands-off program. Per our Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Marine Turtle Permit, only the individuals listed on our permit are allowed to touch the sea turtles.

Can I take pictures or use my phone at the beach?

Cameras without a flash may be used. Video cameras without lights produce good results especially if they have infrared "nightshot" ability. Cell phone use is not permitted on the beach; the light from your phone will disturb turtles. Flashlights and other lights are not allowed on the beach.

Anything else I should know?

Be prepared to walk in the sand for an hour or so. Participants who do not wish to walk may bring chairs and wait in the pavilion. It is recommended that you wear medium or dark colored clothes. Sneakers or sturdy sandals are best for walking in the sand. You may want to use bug spray to protect yourself against mosquitoes.

Something came up and I can't make it. What can I do?

There is a strict refund window. Greater than 72 hours prior to the event start time, refunds will be allowed via the Brown Paper Tickets support line at 1-800-838-3006 or via e-mail at Support@brownpapertickets.com. Within this 72 hour window, refunds will not be issued. If you would like to give your reservation to a friend you may do so, but please provide their name to us prior to 4:00 pm the day of your reservation; please call 561-544-8605. The Nature Center closes at 4:00 pm daily, and messages left after 4:00 pm will not be received until the following morning. There are no refunds for missed Turtle Walks or compensation if a turtle is not seen.

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