



TURTLE WALK GUIDELINES

Location:

Coconut Point Park aka Val Steele Park
3535 S. Hwy A1A, Melbourne Beach, FL 32951

Sea Turtle Biology and Conservation Presentation:

Begins at **9:00 PM**. Please **arrive by 8:55 PM**.

ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE

✧ During the presentation, scouts trained to locate nesting female Loggerhead turtles will begin their search. They will communicate with the night walk leader once a turtle is located.

✧ Restrooms are available at Coconut Point Park. Opportunities to use them will be granted before or after the nesting event.

✧ Guests will be led down to the beach to observe the nesting female! The walk may take up to **45 minutes** through soft sand. We recommend:

- Bringing a water bottle
- Preparing for wet feet
- Wearing protective shoes (to guard against sharp objects)

✧ We must stay **together as a group** at all times — walking down together and returning together — to avoid disturbing nesting turtles.

✧ After the female turtle returns to the ocean, our leader will guide us back to Coconut Point Park. The walk typically ends around **midnight**, but could extend until **1:00 AM**.

✧ Please wear **lightweight, dark or tan comfortable clothing** with sleeves and long pants for **bug protection**. Bug spray is permitted.

✧ **What NOT to bring or do:**

- No flashlights, flash photography, or any items that emit flashes.



- No smoking.
- No cell phone use during the walk.
- This is a guided experience — please follow your guide's instructions at all times.

☆ **Important Notes:**

- Participation is at your **own risk**.
- This experience is **not suitable for small children**; it is recommended for **ages 7 and up**.
- By participating, you acknowledge that you are engaging in this activity at your own risk and agree to release and hold harmless the organizers, staff, and volunteers from any and all liability, claims, demands, or causes of action, including but not limited to personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death, arising out of or connected with your participation.

☆ **Donation Policy:**

- We deeply appreciate your **non-refundable donation** to participate in the walk.
- While the chances of seeing a turtle are very good, **sightings are not guaranteed**.
- Walks occur **rain or shine** but may be **delayed or cancelled for safety** due to thunderstorms.

Thank you for supporting sea turtle conservation and helping us protect these incredible creatures!