





A large beach umbrella was found discarded on the dunes during the August Beach Cleanup. From left: Lindsay Boehner, Charlotte Schrimper, Bria O'Donnell, and Nathan O'Donnell.

Sea Turtle Activity Update August 20 - 26, 2024

Beach	Nests		False Crawls		Hatched Nests		
	This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year	Disoriented
Barefoot	222	255	187	496	82	159	17
Delnor Wiggins	55	58	75	167	21	36	0
Vanderbilt	221	326	198	430	107	215	15
Parkshore	213	219	188	394	64	122	11
City of Naples	244	336	277	392	69	163	8
Keewaydin Is.	419	518	658	925	142	290	0
Sea Oat Island	10	30	17	82	0	13	0
Marco Island	97	126	231	429	32	61	11
Kice and Cape Romano	135	157	190	267	31	73	0
10,000 Islands	129	118	134	178	44	38	0
Collier County Totals	1745	2143	2155	3760	593	1170	58

To report dead, injured or disoriented sea turtles on Marco call 239-289-9736 or 239-289-9687

your used fishing line and help keep the wildlife from deadly entanglement. For the August beach cleanup, volunteers found several clumps of monofilament fishing lines discarded along the shorelines - luckily, it was low tide!

When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors! According to the National Weather Service (NSW), Florida led the nation with the highest number of lighting-related deaths in 2023.

How can you stay safe? At South Beach, as you enter the beach from the boardwalk, you will notice on your left a Thor Guard Lightning Warning system with a small white dome top that looks like a mushroom with a strobe light. When the system predicts a high probability of a lightning strike, it will emit a 30-second siren or blast with an accompanying flashing light. When you hear three five-second sirens or blasts, and the light is off, it is safe to be outside.

- Long Siren/Blast and Flashing Strobe Light - RED ALERT - SEEK SHEL-TER
- Three Short Siren/Blast and No Strobe Light – ALL CLEAR.

The following locations on Marco Beach have a Lighting warning system:

- JW Marriott
- Crystal Shores
- Residents Beach
- Tigertail Beach
- South Beach

On Saturday, August 24th, a small group of dedicated beach volunteers gathered on South Beach and picked up a grabber, a bucket, and gloves and removed 60+ pounds of trash from entering the ocean, keeping the sea turtles and other marine animals safe.

To participate in the monthly volunteer beach cleanup, check the City of Marco Island Calendar for locations.



