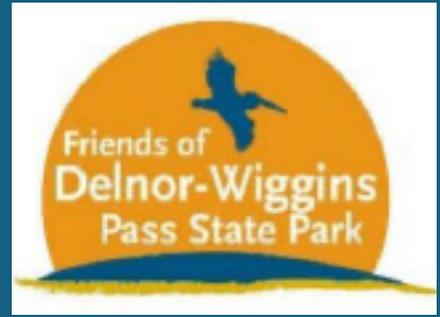


FDWPSP Quarterly Newsletter

July 2025



The Friends of Del-nor Wiggins Pass State Park is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

TURTLE NEST ADOPTIONS.

As of 6/25/25, the loggerhead nest count at the park was 52. Thirty-four of the nests have been adopted, thus adoptions and sponsorships remain available. Please access the Friends web page for more adoption information (https://delnorwiggins.org/adopt_nest.htm#gsc.tab=0).

Money raised through nest adoptions funds a variety of projects at the park including, but not limited to, the following:

- Purchase and construction of turtle nesting cages and supplies.
- Purchase of supplies to support nest identification and sponsor information
- Purchase of seasonal park information/signage (posted at park entrance)
- Ongoing interpretation efforts
 - Taxidermy/Restoration of green turtle
 - Restoration of Lunetta (large replica turtle formerly at the park entrance)
 - Purchase of turtle species models
 - Purchase of interpretive signs displayed on beach during educational events.



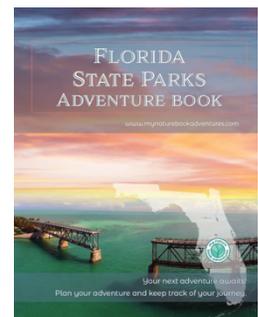
PARKING LOT OPENINGS AND CLEAN BEACHES WEEK

- Parking lots 3 and 4 (in addition to 1, 2 and the boat ramp) opened on April 18, 2025.
- FSP's Clean Beaches Week will be held July 1 through July 7th. Please pick up trash, fill sand holes, avoid the dunes, and respect the birds and sea turtle nests.

"NAME THE GREEN TURTLE" GAME OF CHANCE



During the month of July, we will be running the "Name the Green Sea Turtle" donation effort. For a \$5.00 donation, you can submit a name for our newly restored specimen. At the end of July, we will select a submitted name, and the winner will be rewarded with a beautiful "Florida State Parks Adventure Book". Look for the "Name the Turtle" pop up on the beach during your July visits and submit a name.



EARTH DAY AT THE CONSERVANCY



The Friends were represented at the beautiful, well attended Earth Day event held at the Conservancy of SWFL on April 12th, 2025. We greeted many visitors and (re)introduced them to the park. Children loved the talking turtle—who was thankful we had a windy day!

THE MOSH



The Mobile Shade House is almost ready to house plant materials. We sent our final grant report to the FL State Parks Foundation Board at the end of May and received the following feedback from Paula Russo, Exec Director; Members of the Board “were impressed and there were many comments of appreciation and value of the work. This is such a perfect idea”. **Stay tuned:** volunteers will be needed to propagate plants, weed, and plant materials in the park. We will also need volunteers to assist with interpretation details regarding park flora.

GUIDED WALKS AND INTERPRETATION ON THE BEACH

Lauren Hagen, the Park’s PSS, has scheduled events (weather permitting) for June, July, and August. She will be on the beach for guided walks the first and third Thursday of each month from 8:30 AM -9:30 AM. Interpretation stations will be held on Fridays from Noon until 2:00 PM. Look for the blue tent on the beach between parking lots 2 and 3.



What’s this?

UPCOMING EVENTS

On July 7th from 8 AM-10 AM we will hold a post 4th of July cleanup on the beach. Check in at our tent at the north end of area 1. We’ll have snacks, Friends flyers, nest adoption information, buckets (bring your own if you have one), pickers, “Name the Sea Turtle” opportunity, and smiling faces. You bring sunscreen, water, a hat, and your energy! Come join us or stop by just to say hello.