

Turtle Walk and Hatchling Release Programs

What is a...?

Turtle Walk: Our adventure starts in our classroom learning about the sea turtles we find nesting in Florida. Then, we will venture out for a walk along the beach and the chance to see a nesting loggerhead turtle!

Hatchling Release: An exciting and unique program about sea turtles beginning in our classroom, followed by a trip to the beach to watch Gumbo Limbo staff release baby sea turtles into the ocean!

Are there age limits?

Turtle Walk: Children must be at least 8 years old. Children under the age of 18 must attend with an adult.

Hatchling Release: Hatchling Releases are for all ages. Children under the age of 18 must attend with an adult.

When do the programs occur?

Turtle Walk: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings from May 31 -July 7. The program will begin promptly at 8:45 pm and ends after one loggerhead turtle is seen (not guaranteed), or at 12:00 am, whichever occurs first. Doors open at 8:30 pm for check-in.

Hatchling Release: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings: July 18-August 11, 8:00–9:30 pm; August 15-September 1, 7:30–9:00 pm. Doors open 15 minutes before the start time listed above for check in.

When can I make reservations?

Turtle Walk: City of Boca Raton and Beach and Park District Residents, and Gumbo Limbo Coastal Stewards Member Reservations begin at 9:00 am on Tuesday, April 5. General Reservations begin at 9:00 am on Tuesday, April 19.

Hatchling Release: City of Boca Raton and Beach and Park District Residents, and Gumbo Limbo Coastal Stewards Member Reservations begin at 9:00 am on Tuesday, May 3. General Reservations begin at 9:00 am on Tuesday, May 17.

How much are reservations?

Turtle Walk: Resident/Member \$15 each
Non-resident/Non-member \$20 each

Hatchling Release: Resident/Member: \$10 each
Non-resident/Non-member: \$15 each

How many reservations can I make?

There is a limit of 6 reservations per membership or household. Reservations are limited. No refunds unless the program is canceled. All evenings usually sell out in advance.

How do I make reservations?

Online reservations are required through WebTrac: webtrac.ci.boca-raton.fl.us. This program has been used by Boca Raton Recreation Services for many years. In order to use the system, you must have a household registered in the system and a username and password. If you have registered for other City of Boca Raton programs, camps, or sporting activities, you may already be in the system. You may call us at (561) 544-8605 to check. Learn more: gumbolimbo.org/registration-information.

Important: If you do not have a username and password, please call or come in (see below) to have it set-up in advance of reservations. **Waiting for the day of reservation sales to do so may result in a delay in the ability to purchase reservations.**

How can I obtain a username and password?

Residents of City of Boca Raton and/or Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District: Bring your driver's license and proof of residency to Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, any Boca Raton Community Center, Tennis Center, Pool, or Sugar Sand Field House.

Non-residents: Come in or call (561) 544-8605.

Gumbo Limbo Coastal Stewards Members: Come in or call (561) 544-8608.