

# THE ENVIRONMENT

## Sea Turtles

During the months of May-August on Hilton Head, female Loggerhead Sea Turtles come ashore to lay their eggs. The young hatch at night from July-October and immediately head for the sea. Artificial lights that shine onto the beach can cause them to migrate towards these lights instead of the ocean. If your indoor lights are visible from the beach, turning them off from May-October is an easy way to help this endangered species. It is against the law to disturb the turtle's nest or endanger the turtle in any way.

\*Fines will be charged if there are light or nest disturbances.

## Alligators

It is against the law to feed alligators. They are generally quiet if left alone but can move very quickly. Be aware especially near lagoons. DO NOT feed them or let your children play near them.

## Beach

DO NOT litter on the beaches. There are trash and recycle pails at the exit walkways. Keep dog owners accountable for picking up after their pets. Only plastic shovels should be used on the beach and all holes should be refilled before leaving the beach.

## Sand Dunes

It is illegal to damage or "tamper" with the sand dunes and its plant life as they provide significant erosion control. Please use appropriate paths to gain beach access.

## Fireworks

Fires and Fireworks are not permitted on the beach or anywhere on the island. However, during summer months there are public fireworks displays.