

## **Regulations**

 $Prohibited\ Activities$ 

- Night-time entry through county public beach
- Pursuing nesting sea turtles on the beach
- Feeding or disturbing wildlife and their nests

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- Releasing any wild or domestic animal
- Searching for and collecting artifacts, plants and animals
- Dogs, horses, ATV's, bicycles and cars on public beaches and foot trails
- Creation and use of unauthorized dune foot paths to access the beach
- Camping and fires
- Use of firearms and hunting

These signs indicate the Refuge boundaries and properties owned and managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. There is no visitor access through these properties.



Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Wildlife Alert Hotline: 888/404 3922 (injured or dead sea turtles and manatees; sighting of North Atlantic right whales; illegal feeding of raccoons)

**Lighting Code Enforcement Offices** 

Outdoor and indoor lights should not be visible from the beach after 10 pm, May through October.

Brevard County: 321/633 2086

Indian River County: 772/226 1249

For further information, contact:

Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge c/o Everglades Headwaters

National Wildlife Refuge Complex

4055 Wildlife Way Vero Beach, FL 32963

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www.fws.gov/ArchieCarr

Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge is a unit managed by the Everglades Headwaters National Wildlife Refuge Complex. National Wildlife Refuges are administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, a federal agency under the Department of Interior.

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# **Archie Carr** National Wildlife Refuge



The Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge is an integration of federal, state, county and privately owned lands on the barrier island and represents the nation's most significant land conservation and acquisition initiative to protect sea turtle nesting beaches. The Refuge spans a total of 20.5 linear miles along Florida's central and southeast Atlantic coast between Melbourne Beach in south Brevard County and Wabasso Beach in north Indian River County and on both sides of Highway A1A.











**■** Barrier Island Sanctuary Trail: 3/4-mile with lagoon kayak launch

## **Visitor Center Barrier Island Sanctuary Management** and Education Center

Located in the heart of the Refuge and operated by Brevard County's Environmentally Endangered Lands Program, the Center offers:

- Exhibits on sea turtles and the barrier island
- Environmental education programs and tours
- Auditorium with orientation movies
- 3/4-mile foot trail and lagoon kayak launch
- Closed on Mondays

The Center is located 3 miles north of Sebastian Inlet or 14 miles south of US-192. Address: 8385 South Highway A1A, Melbourne Beach, FL 32951, Phone: 321/723 3556

#### Wildlife Observation

Sea Turtle Watch Programs

The best time to view sea turtles is in June and July when guided, night-time sea turtle watch programs are offered. Reservations for the programs are required.

## Interpretive Foot Trails

A total of four trails on the west side of Highway A1A provide unique wildlife observation opportunities within the rare habitats of the barrier island ecosystem.

- Coconut Point Trail: 3/4-mile
- Maritime Hammock Sanctuary Trail: 2-mile

■ Hammock Trail at Sebastian Inlet State Park: 1-mile

### **Beach Access**

All Brevard and Indian River County beach parks within the Refuge are open for day use only.

South Brevard County

- Coconut Point Park
- Juan Ponce de Leon Landing
- Judith Resnick Memorial Park (limited facilities)
- Bonsteel Park (limited facilities)
- Sebastian Inlet State Park, North Use Area

North Indian River County

- Sebastian Inlet State Park, Day Use Area
- Ambersands Beach Access (limited facilities)
- Treasure Shores Park
- Golden Sands Park

#### **Saltwater Fishing**

Surf fishing is permitted through all designated dune crossovers but outside life-guarded areas. Two ocean jetties and catwalks under the Inlet bridge at Sebastian Inlet State Park provide excellent fishing opportunities. For fishing regulation information and licenses, go to www.myfwc.com or call 888/347 4356.

