

Welcome to the Isle of Palms where loggerhead sea turtles nest on our beach each summer. They are South Carolina's official state reptile. Can you find all six bronze loggerhead hatchlings hiding in the front beach business district on Ocean Boulevard? There are bronze plaques near each one. Read the clues below and **WRITE THE NUMBER THAT IS ON EACH PLAQUE on this sheet.**

PLAQUE#

This hatchling is ready to get back to the beach and into the water....with a stop at the VFW. LOOK near the sidewalk! She supports our Veterans.



PLAQUE#

This little guy is getting a little warm and could use some cold ice cream. THINK two scoops by two guys.

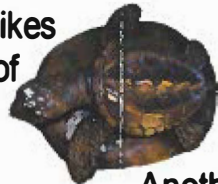


PLAQUE#

Look for a hatchling at the end of the street. She needs to be careful of traffic. LOOK BOTH WAYS! You'll see her BIG brother and sisters.

PLAQUE#

Another hatchling wants to ride the ferris wheel on the vintage mural. She is also near Coconut Joe's and likes being near some large paintings of loggerheads



PLAQUE#

You'll find one hatchling near the flagpole she's very patriotic. : Look for the stars and stripes.

PLAQUE#

Another hatchling is hoping to make it to the ocean, so he'll be near a beach path. If he keeps going down the path he will find his way to the ocean. DO YOU KNOW where the County Park is?

Did you find all six? We hope you learned a lot about loggerheads along the way. Here is how to claim your prize: Take your completed clue sheet to the 2nd floor of Isle of Palms City Hall, located at 1207 Palm Blvd. The office is open from 8:00 am until 5 pm, Monday through Friday.

LOGGERHEAD FACTS

- Loggerheads weigh about 250-400 lbs, breathe air and have flippers instead of feet. Sea turtle fossils have been found that are over 150 million years old.
- Mother loggerhead turtles can lay and bury in the sand about 120 eggs 4-6 times a season. They are round like ping pong balls.
- Baby turtles called hatchlings come out of the nest in about 45-60 days and run to the water. They follow any light they see.
- Once in the ocean they drift with the Gulf Stream and begin to eat. Here they may mistake plastic or marine debris for food. This can be deadly.
- After 25-30 years they will return to South Carolina and begin to lay eggs. They will nest as many as 6 times a season. Nesting females avoid lighted beaches.

