



St. Johns County Sheriff's Office

"Taking Care of People"

Driving on the Beach

First and foremost, driving on the beach is no different than driving on any other Country or State Road. As a matter of fact, for the purposes of driving, the beach is considered an extension of State Road A1A and may be designated Beach A1A.

All the rules of the road apply to driving on the beach. Only licensed vehicles are permitted and seat belts shall be worn at all times when the vehicle is in motion. The beach speed limit is 10 MPH and this limit is enforced. Beach Patrol is done by St. Johns County Sheriff's Deputies and PSA's, using marked patrol vehicles and ATV's. In addition, unless otherwise posted, ALL BEACH DRIVING is limited to southbound only between A street Ramp and Fort Matanzas Ramp. All vehicles are required to stop at all beach ramps and yield to all pedestrians.

Safety cones are placed on the beach daily to separate the beach into a driving/parking area and a people only area. Parking is permitted only to the west of the designated driving area. Only sunbathers, families, children and pets on a leash are permitted to the east of the safety cones. Folks enjoying the beach should not have to be concerned about a vehicle meandering through their space. NO VEHICLES ARE PERMITTED TO DRIVE OR PARK TO THE EAST SIDE OF THESE SAFETY CONES.

You should also be aware that there are many soft sand areas and when you enter the beach, you do so at your own risk. Many vehicles can get stuck in the soft sand including at some beach entrances. Drivers are encouraged to fill all holes left behind by tire ruts as well.

Beach driving and parking hours are 8:00 a. m. to 7:30 p. m. during sea turtle season (May 1 – October 31).



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