



HATCHING

Having hatched beneath the sand, the hatchlings will finally emerge roughly three days later, clumsily but in unison making their trek toward the sea. They are attracted by light, so it is incredibly important for spectators of this breathtaking phenomenon to resist the urge to shine flashlights or use their flashes when taking photos. Ordinances in place throughout the entire nesting season prohibit visible lights along the coast to ensure that the hatchlings make it safely to the water. Additionally, Bergwerf recommended that beach visitors pay extra attention to the marks or grooves they make in the sand. Large holes and even sand castles can prove too big an

obstacle for the tiny reptiles, often stranding them on the sand for predators to attack.

THE SEA TURTLE CARE CENTER

Bergwerf and her Island Turtle Team do more than care for the nests left by adult sea turtles. They also join forces with the Sea Turtle Care Center at the South Carolina Aquarium. With the recent million-dollar expansion, the center, founded by the Zucker family, has been upgraded from the makeshift baby pools once found in the basement of the Aquarium. Now the center is able to examine and treat sea turtles, aligning perfectly with their mission to rescue, rehabilitate and release.

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