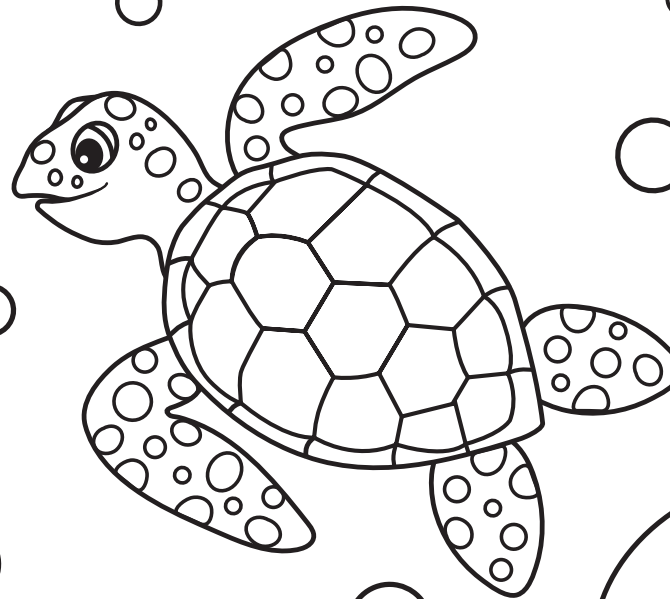
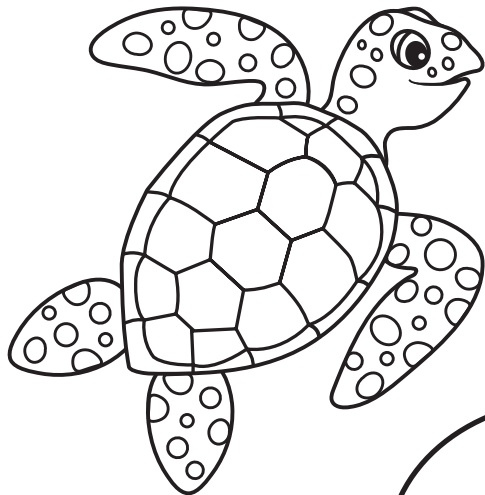


PROTECT SOUTH WALTON SEA TURTLES

Small Steps from Us Mean Big Strides for Them

CLEAN

Remove belongings, including trash, when leaving the beach each day. Remember, Leave No Trace!



DARK

Turn off lights on and near the beach, including flashlights.

FLAT

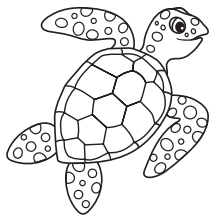
Fill in holes and knock down sandcastles before leaving the beach.



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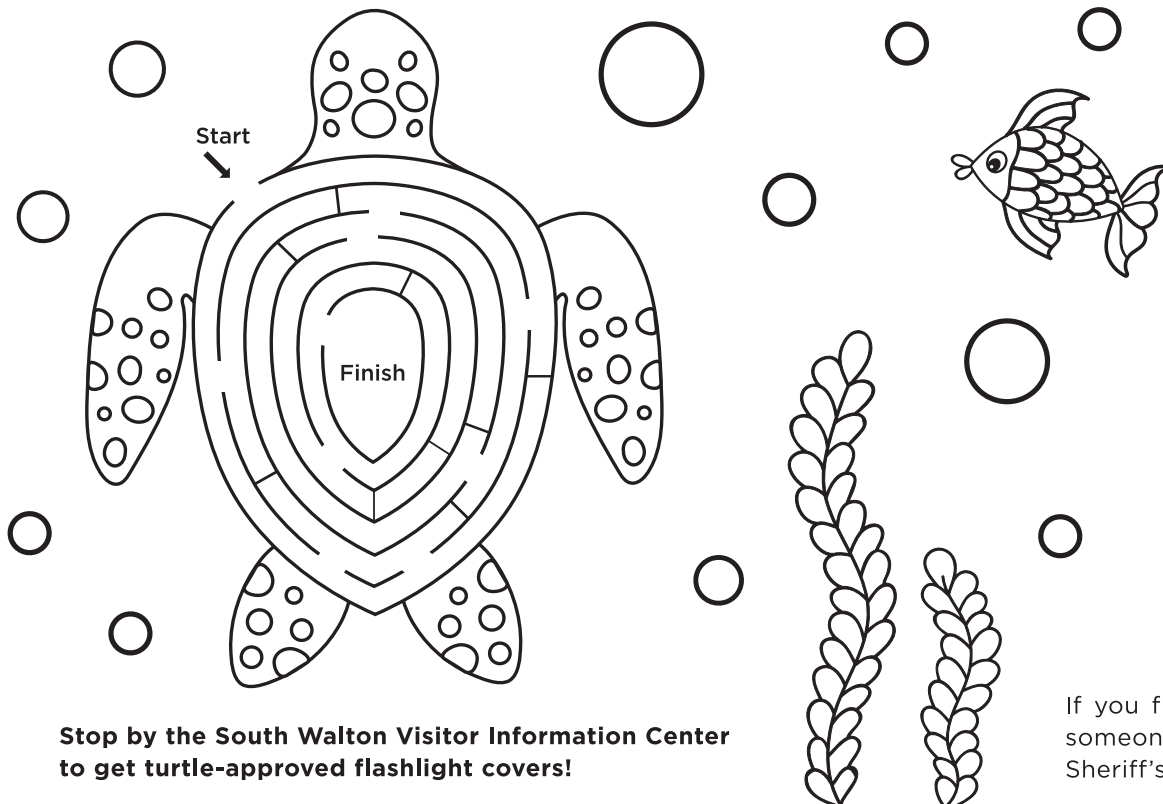
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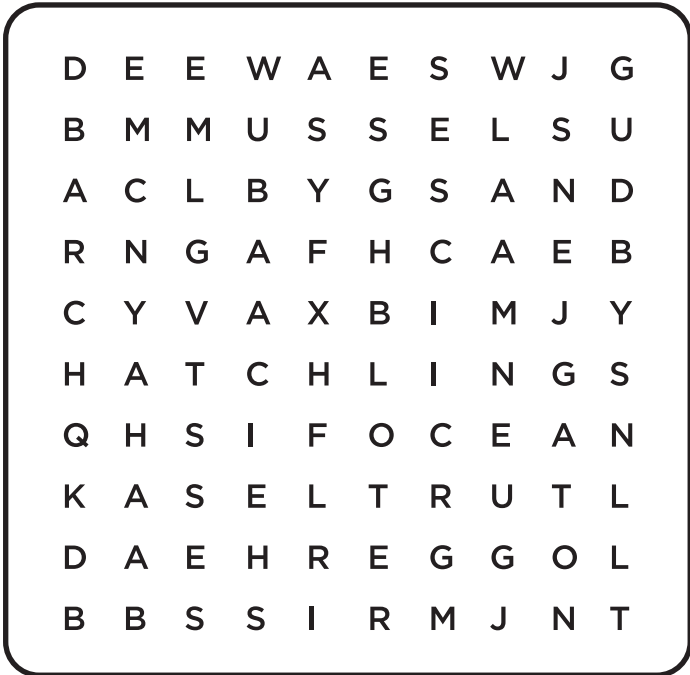
Sea Turtle Facts:

- Five species of endangered and threatened female sea turtles nest on Florida beaches between May and October. These species are the Leatherback, Loggerhead, Green, Kemp's Ridley and Hawksbill.

- When female sea turtles reach adulthood, they travel hundreds, sometimes thousands, of miles to return to the same beach where they hatched so they can lay their eggs.
- Four man-made hazards are hurting our sea turtles:
 1. Trash, beach chairs, sandcastles and holes left in the beach sand can prevent nesting
 2. Artificial lights (porch lights, flashlights and cameras) can cause disorientation to the turtles
 3. Fishing lines, hooks and nets trap and drown turtles
 4. Marine debris, bags, balloons and single use plastics resemble food and can be fatal if eaten



Stop by the South Walton Visitor Information Center to get turtle-approved flashlight covers!



OCEAN SAND SEA SEAWEED TURTLES
 MUSSELS BEACH CRAB FISH
 HATCHLINGS LOGGERHEAD

If you find an injured, sick or dead sea turtle, or to report someone disturbing a sea turtle nest, call the Walton County Sheriff's Office at (850) 267-2000.