

NORTH MYRTLE BEACH SEASHELL HUNT



LETTERED OLIVE

This shell is a smooth and shiny cylinder shell with brown markings.

SC FAVORITE: The lettered olive shell is the South Carolina State Shell!



BANDED TULIP

This shell is spindle-shaped and cream-colored with streaks of pink, and stripes around its body.

DEEP DIVE: Tulip snails live on sandy or muddy ocean floors as deep as 150 feet!



JINGLE SHELLS

This shell is shiny and colorful, and can be yellow, golden, brown or silver.

CAST A SPELL: The Jingle Shell's nickname is the "Witches Toenail!"



ATLANTIC MOON SNAIL SHELL

This shell is spherical with a spiral pattern.

DINNER TIME: Moon snails drill a hole into the shell of their prey to eat it!



WHELK SHELLS

This shell has a spiraled internal structure, similar to a conch shell.

WATCH FOR: If you find a shell with a snail inside, return it to the ocean!



COQUINA CLAMS

This shell is small, smooth and comes in a variety of colors, including yellow, blue, pink, and purple.

SURF'S UP: Coquina clams live in the surf and bury themselves in the sand.



SAND DOLLARS

These circular, white shells have five markings on their skeleton.

YOU'RE RICH!: Sand dollars live 6 to 10 years; the bigger the sand dollar, the older it is!



SHARK TEETH

Shark teeth come in a variety of shapes and colors, and are sharp!

CHOMP!: Sharks lose thousands of teeth in ther lifetimes, so keep your eyes peeled when shell-hunting!

Post your favorite treasures on social and tag #populous!

COASTAL CARE TIPS FOR FAMILIES



MIND THE DUNES:

Always use designated beach accesses and boardwalks when coming to and from the beach to protect our sand dunes.

WATCH THE TIDE: Keep an eye on your beach essentials as the tides change every six hours and can quickly wash belongings out to sea.

USE REUSABLES: Switch to paper or reusable straws and shopping bags as single use plastics are one of the leading contributors to ocean pollution.

LIGHTS OUT: Between the months of May to October, turn beachfront lights off at dusk, and close blinds and curtains so the lights won't confuse young turtles.

DO NOT DISTURB: Opt out of housekeeping during your stay to save water and energy, reduce chemicals in the air, and potentially receive lodging discounts.

TAKE FIVE: It's the law to throw your trash away before leaving, but if you can find any other trash left behind by others, try picking up 5 additional pieces.

HOOK, LINE AND SINKER: South Carolina requires both freshwater and saltwater fishing licenses. Respect local size and catch limits by stopping by the closest bait and tackle shop or visit dur.sc.gov for the latest info.

KING OF THE CASTLE: To protect sea turtles and unsuspecting beach walkers, fill in holes and knock down sandcastles before leaving.

SHORES THAT ARE YOURS: Help us protect our shoreline by avoiding driving on the beach, refraining from using grills or open fires, and keeping dogs leashed and cleaned up after.

TURTLE-Y AWESOME: North Myrtle Beach serves as a natural nesting ground for loggerhead and other sea turtle species. If you encounter a turtle or nest, observe from a distance without touching or using lights and report any activity to the Sea Turtle Patrol at 843-213-9074, as disturbing them is illegal.

