

Navarre Beach Marine Sanctuary Rules and Regulations

The Navarre Beach Marine Sanctuary includes numerous proposed cluster artificial reefs just offshore in the Gulf of Mexico. You can enter the Marine Sanctuary at the main walkover pavilion at the Navarre Beach Park. The Marine Sanctuary was created with the objectives of preserving, studying, and educating the community and visitors on marine life preservation. As our guest you can help us preserve the reef and marine wildlife conservation program by following a few basic rules:

It is Strictly Prohibited:

- Standing on, sit on, or take hold of any part of the reefs.
- Anchoring is prohibited in the sanctuary, except in emergencies.
- Fishing with spears, hooks or harpoons.
- The use of gloves or knives.
- Feeding any fish or marine animal within the reefs.
- Dispose of any kind of trash in the ocean.
- Dumping fuel, grease, oil or any other liquid substance into the ocean.
- Using sun-block or suntan oils which are not biodegradable.
- Removing, injuring, or possessing coral or live organisms attached to the reefs.
- Discharging or depositing trash or other pollutants.
- Dredging, drilling, prop dredging or otherwise altering the seabed, or placing or abandoning any structure on the seabed.
- Operating a vessel in such a manner as to strike or otherwise injure the reef and other organisms.
- Operating a vessel at more than idle speed/no wake within 100 feet of the reefs or "divers down" flag.
- Diving or snorkeling without a dive flag.
- Operating a vessel in such a manner which endangers life, limb, marine resources, or property.
- Damaging or removing markers, mooring buoys, scientific equipment, boundary buoys, and trap buoys.
- Taking or possessing protected wildlife.
- Collecting marine life species -- tropical fish, invertebrates, and plants -- except allowed by
- Florida Marine Life Rule (46-42 F.A.C.). Sanctuary regulations have been established to complement this rule and apply throughout the Sanctuary.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding of these regulations set forth to protect our marine reef environment. Your courtesy in carefully following these rules will help ensure that our precious reefs, living organisms in their own right, will enjoy long and healthy lives. For your support and help, the people of Navarre Beach thank you!