



Freeman Park 4WD Team

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Freeman Park Initiative

- *Nests laid in Freeman Park will be left in place. This presents a unique opportunity for volunteers with 4WD experience driving on Freeman Park to verify/monitor these nests.*
 - *Monitoring will consist of a schedule for checking (not sitting) these nests.*
 - *Please note this will not interfere with walking patrol on Freeman Park, this is a separate activity.*
- *Nests laid in the driving area are at risk...*
 - *These nests will still be on Freeman Park, but will be moved to a safer area outside of vehicle access.*
- *Members of the FP4WD Team will assist with nest verification in the event that a nest is discovered on their scheduled day.*
- *The option to become a member of the Freeman Park Monitoring Team will be in your orientation confirmation form.*

Freeman Park Safety

- Do not go out alone in the dark. *EVER.*
- Remember the entire length of FP is not always accessible by vehicle.
- Walking Freeman Park can typically be completed in 1 1/2 hours. *(2 miles one way)*
- Volunteers are not authorized to walk FP at night, and should never walk alone.



If you are unable to go out by 6:15, or if you don't feel safe, call Jennifer 910-622-6259.



Summer Storms



- We **DO** patrol in the rain

- *If there is nearby lightning, stay in your vehicle and check the weather on your phone (there are several weather apps have alerts for lightning in the area).*
- *Stay safely sheltered, and use your best judgement to go out when lightning has moved off.*
- *Freeman Park does not have sheltered areas, and storms can pop up quickly. Jennifer may delay or call off patrol in FP (and/or other zones) if it us unsafe to patrol.*

- **It is often more difficult to identify tracks in the rain**

- *This is why it is critical to do our best so ALL nests can be protected. A nest that has not been identified for protection is often destroyed by fox/coyote, or will have hatchlings that end up in the dunes (or worse) never making it to the ocean.*