



Leave No Trace...

The scenic beauty of the area can only be maintained through a commitment by the residents and visitors. By being environmental stewards and ensuring that each of us “Leave No Trace” when enjoying recreational activities along the area’s beaches, waterways and natural lands, we help to protect and preserve this destination while ensuring everyone is afforded the same pristine experience.

“Leave No Trace” is an international program that guides outdoor enthusiasts in their decisions to reduce their impacts while enjoying recreational activities. To follow are some of the guiding principles that can be adopted by residents and visitors to Beaches of South Walton:

- Travel on Durable Surfaces – Stay on established trails and use dune walkovers to avoid damage to vegetation, which will lead to erosion.
- Dispose of Trash Properly – If you carry it in, carry it out. Trash, cigarette butts, waste and other items litter our natural areas. Beach chairs and umbrellas create hazards when left on the beach overnight
- Respect Wildlife – Observe wildlife from a distance, especially nesting sea turtles.
- Be Considerate of Other Visitors – Avoid loud music or noise—let nature’s sounds prevail; If you dig holes, be sure to fill them in so others do not get injured.

We hope you will join us in the “Leave No Trace” program and leave our natural lands as pristine as when you arrived.

Per the amendment to Walton County Ordinance No. 2003-07, Section 4.G and Section 22-54(G), items left on the beach overnight will be discarded. To review the full ordinance, visit www.co.walton.fl.us and click Visitors, then Beach Ordinances/Permits or for more information call Code Enforcement at 850-622-0000.

(Personal items left unattended on the beach from dusk to dawn will be discarded.)

Regional public beach accesses and public boardwalks will be cleaned daily.

Other sections of the beach will be cleaned on a rotating basis.