

It's alligator mating season again!

It is important to ensure that people and alligators can continue to coexist. We want residents to consider Turtle Rock's alligators as wildlife to be admired and respected. In Florida, serious injuries from alligators are rare. Nevertheless, living safely with alligators relies on taking common-sense precautions:

- Know that alligators are mostly active between dusk and dawn and during mating season, typically April-June in Florida.
- Don't feed them. It is illegal to do so. Feeding them can cause them to lose their natural fear of people.
- Don't walk the edge of ponds when you can avoid it, and do not bring small children or dogs to ponds' edges. Keep pets on a leash.
- Leave the alligators alone. Watch for alligators relaxing nearby and give them plenty of space. Don't swim or wade in the ponds.

Alligators are an important part of Florida's landscape and play a valuable role in the ecology of our state's wetlands. Alligators are federally protected by the Endangered Species Act as a Threatened species and as a Federally-designated Threatened species by Florida's Endangered and Threatened Species Rule. Alligators are predators and help keep other aquatic animal populations in balance.

For more information, please see [Turtle Rock Association, Inc. Alligator Policy](#) on the Turtle Rock website Resources page.