

TURTLES ARE ON THE MOVE!



Here is some advice on what to do if you encounter a turtle and how you can help them!

INJURED TURTLE?

+ 705 741 5000 +

Record the location which you found the turtle. Carefully place the turtle into a well ventilated secure container. Do not give it food or water and give us a call immediately.



ON THE ROAD?

If it is safe to do so...

HELP THEM ACROSS THE ROAD IN THE DIRECTION THEY'RE HEADED

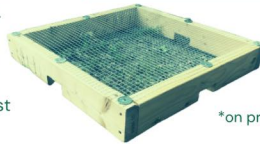
DO NOT move a healthy turtle from its habitat – it reduces their chances of survival.



NESTING FEMALE?

DO NOT disturb a nesting female – even if its on the side of the road. If possible watch until she is done (could take several hours) and help her cross the road if she attempts to.

DO NOT dig up nests to protect the eggs, even if the nest is in a non-ideal location. You may damage the eggs AND it is against the law without proper permits.



To protect eggs you can install a **NEST PROTECTOR!**

**on private property only, permission is need on public property.*

HATCHLINGS AWAY FROM WATER

Move them to the closest (within 1km) slow moving body of water with lots of vegetation. If there are multiple hatchlings release them 10ft apart so predators don't find them clustered.

DECEASED TURTLES

Record the location of the deceased turtle, place it into a bin, and give us a call.

Deceased turtles may still have eggs we can incubate, data, and samples we can take from them.

ACCIDENTALLY DUG UP EGGS

Call 705 741 5000 and we will instruct you on how to carefully and properly excavate the nest.

DO NOT disturb an intact nest, it is illegal.

HAVE YOU HELPED A TURTLE?

Fill out the OTCC's Conservation Actions form on our website!

REPORTING SIGHTINGS

- Ontario Turtle Tally by Adopt a Pond/Toronto Zoo
- Herps of Ontario Project on iNaturalist

A HEALTHY TURTLE IN ITS HABITAT?

Turtles are semi-aquatic so they move around in the water and on land.

Enjoy their company from a respectful distance!

