

Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Adopt-A-Beach Patrol Process

1. Beach Patrol should be done at least once each month. We would love to have you patrol your beach (or any other beach in the National Lakeshore) even more than once a month. Just because you are assigned a beach, feel free to patrol other beaches as well.
2. Before you head to the beach, get your Litter Monitoring Form. If you don't have one, download it from our web site: <http://friendsofsleepingbear.org/projects/adopt-a-beach/>
3. Wear your Adopt-A-Beach Vest. Visitors to the beach will want to talk with you about what you are doing. By seeing you cleaning up the beach, visitors are more aware of litter and will change their behavior to keep the beach clean.
4. Take a garbage bag, litter-gitter, clip board, and form. Also, take a cell phone, camera and GPS if you have one. On a windy day you might like to use a 5-gallon bucket instead of a garbage bag.
5. Begin picking up trash at the parking area.
6. Keep track of the type of trash you pick up on the Adopt-A-Beach Litter Monitoring Form. If you find something too big to move, notify Mary Peterson (see below).
7. **Report any dead birds or animals on the beach in the comments section of your online report. Note the location and time/date. Do not remove or bury dead birds or animals unless you are participating in the Botulism Study.**
8. When your Beach Patrol is complete, put trash in or beside the trash receptacles at the parking area. If no trash receptacle is available, take it home or drop it off at one of the NPS campgrounds (DH Day Campground or Platte River Campground).
9. Keep track of the time you and anyone who went with you spend on this volunteer activity. That includes driving time and record-keeping time.
10. Enter your data on the Beach Patrol Data Entry page of our web site: <http://friendsofsleepingbear.org/projects/adopt-a-beach/beach-patrol-data-entry/>. You can also get to this form by going to our home page: <http://friendsofsleepingbear.org> and clicking on the VOLUNTEER button on the right side of the page. Then click on "Adopt-A-Beach".
11. If you have problems entering data online, bring the forms to the Visitor Center in Empire.

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