
[Test] This Week at Giants Neck Beach

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June 3, 2024

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Please take note of several upcoming meetings:

June 5 - BOG Regular Meeting 6:30 pm, [agenda](#)

June 15 - GNBA Annual Meeting 9:00 am

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Giants Neck Beach...A Natural Beauty!

Some of our residents were fortunate enough to see Horseshoe crabs on the beach during the time of the full moon in May. They were in the area of the boat launch and along the front beach, especially near Mother's Beach. Observing these animals from a distance is always interesting, but let's remember we want to protect these special animals and not cause stress or harm...respecting the space of all animals, especially in the wild, is important.

Here are a few things you may or may not know about them!

They are not dangerous! The long spike coming long out of their body, called a telson, is used for them to steer and flip themselves over if they get stuck on their backs.

A female horseshoe crab will deposit around 4,000 eggs in clusters at a time. These eggs are a main food source for wildlife such as shorebirds, sea turtles and some fish species.

Horseshoe crabs have blue blood with a protein called hemocyanin with copper, rather than the iron that our blood carries. This blood is used to help scientists determine if vaccines and drugs are safe.

In August of 2023, Governor Lamont adopted a law implementing a ban on the harvesting of Horseshoe crabs from Connecticut waters due to the decline in the numbers of them. The biggest stresses on the horseshoe population are harvesting, increases in ocean surface temperature, ocean acidification, sea level rising (they need 4 inches of sand in which they lay eggs), and human disturbance.

Seeing them at this time of year is part of what makes this place special. Please help maintain GNB's Natural Beauty!



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