

SHELLING THE BEACHES OF FORT MYERS & SANIBEL



COLLECT MOTHER NATURE'S WORKS OF ART.

When you walk a stretch of sand on The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel, you're destined to find a beautiful shell. They're simply everywhere. A treasure trove of banded tulips, corkscrew-shaped augers, periwinkles, yellow cockles and hundreds of other varieties piled at the surf line by gentle Gulf waves. Our geography and east-west orientation ensure most arrive unscathed, ready to be dusted off and treasured for a lifetime.



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DO YOU FEEL LUCKY?

Step carefully. Under your feet could be the ultimate souvenir. As many as 400 varieties of shells lie in the shallows or wash-up on The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel daily, but these 10 represent the crown jewel of shell collecting.



ANGULATE WENTLETRAP



JUNONIA



CALICO SCALLOP



LETTERED OLIVE



SCOTCH BONNET



HORSE CONCH



NUTMEG



ROSE PETAL TELLIN



ALPHABET CONE



DWARF ARROW TRITON

Shell photos courtesy of The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum

TIPS OF THE TRADE.

Besides these tips, shelling on The Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel requires little else than a bucket and some patience.

- 1 Shelling is best during the hour before and after low tide, especially after storms.
- 2 Northern winds make November through April good for shelling on Gulf-side beaches.
- 3 Try shelling at the ends of islands, where currents deposit many shells.
- 4 The two best places to look for shells are at the surf line and debris line.
- 5 It's prohibited to collect any shell with a living creature inside.