

IMPORTANT SAFETY TIPS

- Assume every body of water contains an alligator
- Stay at least 60 feet (4 car lengths) away from alligators
- Alligators are ambush predators and can move faster than you or your pets
- Keep pets and children away from water's edge
- Swimming or wading is prohibited in Sea Pines' waterways
- Feeding or harassing alligators is dangerous and illegal
- Use caution when fishing or crabbing. Do not throw used bait or fish parts into the water

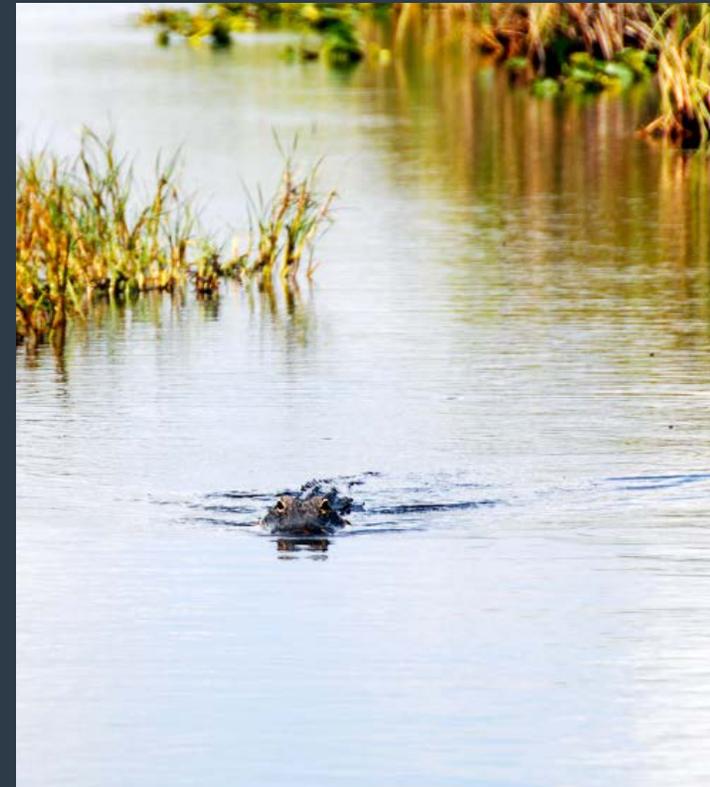
Alligators have been around since the time of the dinosaurs. They are fascinating creatures and should be appreciated for the role they play in our ecosystem. Alligators are large carnivorous predators and should be respected as such. Being safe around alligators takes awareness, caution, and continued vigilance over time.

CONTACT US

Should you have a safety concern about an alligator or people around an alligator, immediately call Sea Pines Security at **843-671-7170**.

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ALLIGATORS LIVE IN SEA PINES





A FED GATOR IS A DEAD GATOR!

Feeding alligators is illegal and can cause them to associate people with food. Fed alligators are more likely to closely approach humans or pets, thereby creating the potential for a dangerous situation. Alligators that are determined to be presenting a threat to humans or pets will be removed and destroyed.

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Alligators may look slow and awkward, but they are extremely powerful and can move with startling bursts of speed in the water and at the water's edge. Always maintain a distance of at least 60 feet (4 car lengths) away from alligators. Always keep pets and children away from the water's edge.

WHAT ALLIGATORS EAT

Alligators have a varied diet, influenced primarily by their size. Smaller alligators (< 6 feet) will consume insects, frogs and small fish, while larger alligators will eat wading birds, small mammals, fish, turtles and even other alligators. Very large alligators are capable of catching larger mammals such as deer. Alligators may be unable to distinguish natural prey from pets or even people. To an alligator, a splash means a food source may be near.

