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Adopt a Nest at Disney's Animal Kingdom

Guests at Disney's Animal Kingdom can support sea turtle conservation by participating in the Adopt-A-Nest program at Conservation Station's Out of the Wild merchandise shop.

Here's how the program works: During sea turtle nesting season, a team from Animal Programs surveys the beach near Disney's Vero Beach Resort looking for new sea turtle nests. They examine a selection of the nests, and mark and number them for research purposes. At the end of the week, the team provides an update to the Merchandise team on the new nests, including nest number, date laid and species. The Animal Programs team later follows up on the nest once the hatchlings have emerged and collects information on the nest's success.

Guests who participate in the Adopt-A-Nest program receive an adoption certificate with a specific nest number on it, plus a plush Squirt from *Finding Nemo* and a Disney Worldwide Conservation Fund (DWCF) Conservation Hero button. Guests can track their nest's status by visiting www.disney.com/conservation >> Adopt-A-Nest link and look up their nest number. Each adoption is registered within a week, and Guests can expect news on their hatchlings about two months after the nest is laid.

The fee to adopt a nest is $50, benefiting DWCF and sea turtle conservation efforts in Florida. Out of the Wild is the only Walt Disney World theme park location that offers the Adopt-A-Nest program. The only other location that offers the program is the Island Grove Packing Company merchandise shop at Disney's Vero Beach Resort.