

Dewees Island P. O. A.

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Dear Dewees Island Visitor

Dewees Island's property owners and staff would like to welcome you to our community. We value our culture of respect, stewardship, and sustainability. We ask that as you begin your visit, *for the first time or as a returning guest*, you commit to being a part of our community.

Dewees Island is a community based on respect: respect for resources, for wildlife, for our waterways; respect of the land, for our neighbors, homes, community resources, and for other's time.

Please treat the staff, public safety officers and other residents with utmost respect;
Obey all state and federal laws;
Do not use a golf cart without owner's permission and a legal driver's license or a Dewees license;
Drive golf carts only on the roads.

Dewees Island is a sanctuary- a haven for animals and a refuge for those seeking to dwell gracefully within nature and experience her ways. Our common property areas provide recreation and sanctuary for all of us.

Please treat common areas as if you are solely responsible for their care;
Take care of the games and resources in the Huyler House;
Clean up after yourself, children and pets;
Follow safety rules for the pool.

Dewees Island is a place for harmony—harmony between ourselves in the community, and harmony with nature. We are committed to being stewards of the Island's natural amenities rather than merely taking from them. Our actions and choices affect all others on the island and beyond. The plants and animals here are part of the natural ecosystem.

Please do not feed or harass alligators, raccoons or other animals and do not harm native vegetation;

Be sure trash, recycling, fishing scraps and compostable waste are put in the appropriate places. Be sure that groceries and trash are not left available to raccoons, rats, and other wildlife;

Obey state and island harvesting guidelines when crabbing and fishing. Label fish traps, crab pots, and minnow keepers and place them **ONLY** on the outside of the impoundment. Do not use chicken for crabbing in the impoundment. Do not throw cast net bycatch on the outside of the impoundment.

The dunes protect the island from storms and tidal events, and the grasses and plants which grow on them help stabilize the entire island. The beach is a valuable habitat for nesting shorebirds.

Please leave the beach cleaner than you found it. Limit treasure collecting to your best three shells so there are shells left for other people and creatures to find. Remove shelters and equipment from the beach and the access walkways. Fill in large holes from sand castles;

Do not walk or play on the dunes or drive golf carts on the beach;
Keep your dog on voice or leash command and out of the shorebird nesting areas at the ends of the island.

It is our hope that all who set foot on Dewees Island commit to upholding these standards and that breaches of these rules of conduct or questions about them be referred to the Island Manager.

Please enjoy your stay on Dewees.

Sincerely,

Gary McGraw

Chair, Dewees Island Environmental Program Board

Alex Kliros

President, Dewees Island Property Owners Association

I have read and agree to abide by these requests.

Visitor or Guest Name