

Diamondback Terrapins are one of our favorite river critters!

Diamondbacks love to eat fish, snails, worms, clams, crabs and marsh plants.



Named for the diamond-shaped growth rings on their top shell, they are the only U.S. turtles that only inhabit brackish water.



The terrapin's mating season is May through July. After a 60 day gestation period, they lay their clutch of around 8-12 eggs. Hatchlings emerge from August to October, and the egg remains can be seen across the beach at Pleasure House Point throughout the late summer and fall.

Please be mindful of these delicate critters next time you are visiting Pleasure House Point! Do not step on their eggs or move them away from their natural habitat.

