



I found a nesting turtle

Remain 2 car lengths away from the turtle, and do not shine any bright lights or make loud noises. Put up a pylon or sign warning drivers of the turtle on the road shoulder. Make sure pylon/sign is fully off the road.

Able to nest-sit turtle.

Call Turtle Guardian staff (705-854-2888) and inform them of species, your location, and where nest is in relation to road (on shoulder, outside of guard rail, in ditch).

As soon as turtle is done nesting physically mark nest by putting an item (eg. a glove) immediately on top of nest. Do not use anything like a stick/stake that would poke through the soil into the nest.

Take a photo of the turtle, and report coordinates, species, status, age, location and behaviour on data sheet/online reporting form. **D.6**

Observe turtle, if she starts to cross the road, capture her and help her cross the road. **D.1, D.2, D.3**

Is nest in a safe location to put a nest cage? **D.11**

YES

NO

**First, confirm with Turtle Guardian staff (705-854-2888) that you can install the nest cage there.** Then proceed to install the nest cage. First, do a small test dig with your hands underneath the nest marker and confirm that the eggs are underneath the marker. Cover the test hole you made with dirt. Install cage using the marker as an indicator for where the center of the cage should be (but make sure to remove the marker before you fasten down the cage). **D.12**

Do not install a nest cage. Communicate with Turtle Guardian staff (705-854-2888) to let them know where you are. Depending on your location, they may be able to have a staff/volunteer come out and excavate the eggs to be incubated back at HQ.

Unable to nest-sit turtle.

Call Turtle Guardian staff (705-854-2888) and they will dispatch staff or volunteer nest-sitters. Inform staff of species, your location and if nest is on road shoulder, outside of guard rail, or in a ditch.

If you are able, continue supervising turtle until staff or nest-sitters arrive.

If you cannot stay with the turtle, leave the warning sign and the staff or volunteers on their way will pick it up.



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