

Shelling Guide



When to go...

About 2 hours before low tide through low tide – or right after a good storm when the ocean leaves little treasures behind.



Seahorse



Junonia

A rare find.. prized by Marco Island's most avid shell collectors.



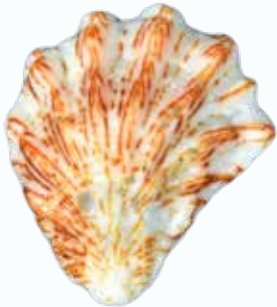
Lettered Olive



Lightning Whelk



Juvenile Horse Conch



Atlantic Kitten Paw



Common American Auger



Penshell



Shark's Eye

Where to look..

Start just above the high tide line (look for that line of seaweed and ocean goodies!) and work your way down to the water's edge.



Sunray Venus



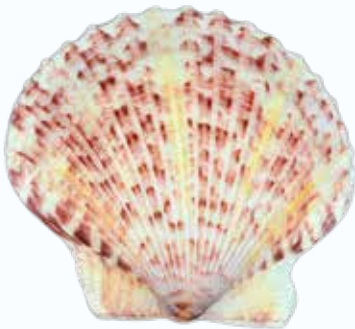
Alphabet Cone



Florida Spiny Jewelbox



Atlantic Calico Scallop



Zigzag Scallop



Short Spined Sea Urchin

What to collect...

Anything that catches your eye! Just remember, it's illegal to take live shells. Sea urchins, sand dollars, and starfish can be tricky – when in doubt, give them a gentle return to the sea.



What to bring...

A mesh bag so the water drains out, a separate pouch for fragile finds, water, sunscreen, a camera to show off your haul, and comfy beach shoes.



Florida Fighting Conch



Sand Dollar



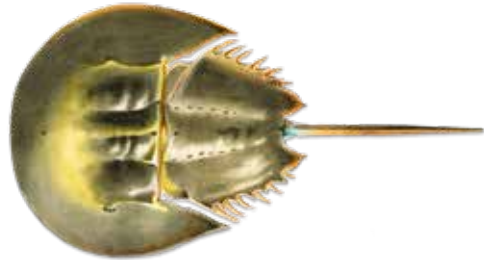
Lined Sea Star



Atlantic Fig Snail



Banded Tulip



Horseshoe Crab

Where to go...

The north and south ends of the beach are top spots, but you can find treasures anywhere. Sand dollars and sea urchins love hanging out north of Tigertail Beach on the Sand Dollar Spit.

