

Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife alerts residents of turtles crossing roads to nesting sites

“Thousands of turtles across Massachusetts will be traveling to nesting sites over the next couple months. If you find a turtle on a road or in your backyard, do not move it far away. If you have the opportunity to safely move a turtle from the road, move it in the direction it was heading just off the edge of the road. △□

PLEASE NOTE: Snapping turtles are fast and have very powerful jaws that can inflict a bad bite. If you must move a snapping turtle, the best way is to use a broom to coax it into a plastic tub/box. A snapping turtle can reach your hands if you lift it by the sides of its shell. Never lift a snapping turtle by its tail, as this can injure its spine.

More: mass.gov/news/why-did-the-turtle-cross-the-road