

RETURN the FAVOR



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2020 Results

Volunteers Step-up In Pandemic

Shorter Season,
Fewer People,
More Rescued

182,076

Horseshoe Crabs Rescued!!!



This year was different.

2020 brought new challenges for the dedicated volunteers of reTURN the Favor. Due to quarantine requirements for the Covid-19 pandemic, this year's season started two weeks late, group size was limited, travel distance was restricted, and only experienced volunteers were able to participate. But that didn't slow down the rescue, with record breaking rescues this year.

Since 2013, hundreds of volunteers, with the support of reTURN the Favor partners, have rescued stranded crabs in New Jersey, saving the lives of over 500,000 crabs and inspiring their friends and family to also take action.

18 Beaches in New Jersey

707
Rescue Walks



1,670
Volunteer Hours



78
Walk Leaders



Steering Committee

The Wetlands Institute
WHSRN Executive Office — Manomet
NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife

Partners and Site Leaders

Citizens United to Protect the Maurice River
Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey
Friends of Cape May National Wildlife Refuge
The Nature Conservancy- New Jersey Chapter
New Jersey Audubon
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More crabs rescued per walk with fewer volunteer hours

2013		45 volunteer hours
2014		746 hours
2015		1,270 hours
2016		1,981 hours
2017		2,975 hours
2018		2,084 hours
2019		2,701 hours
2020		1,670 hours

= 25 horseshoe crabs rescued/per walk

Eliminating Hazards at Seabreeze

November 2019



14 volunteers
20 yard dumpster filled with concrete



Want to help save New Jersey's horseshoe crabs? Get involved at returnthefavornj.org.