

Join weekend turtle walks

By Our Staff Reporter

SSTCN (Students Sea Turtle Conservation Network) is conducting 'turtle walks.' They cover a stretch of 7 kms from Neelankarai to Besant Nagar, where the hatchery is located. The group meets at Neelankarai Beach at 11pm and after a briefing session for the new comers, the group starts to walk towards Besant Nagar along the shore searching for any evidence of nesting by Olive Ridley sea turtles.

The eggs are collected and relocated in the hatchery located in Besant Nagar and after 50 days the hatchlings emerge and are released into the sea. The turtle walk takes place daily and is open to public on

Fridays and Saturdays. The walk ends at Besant Nagar beach between 3 am and 4.30 am, depending on the findings. For further details contact Adhith at 98840 53854 or Arun at 2490 1019 or Vinod at 98400 46235.

SSTCN was formed in 1987 by a group of students. The group has been involved in conservation and awareness creation for the past nineteen years. The main activity is to conduct turtle walks along the coast of Chennai.