

WHY DID THE TURTLE CROSS THE ROAD?

When the warmth of spring and summer arrive, reptiles become active and we start to see them moving around. This may be most evident to you when you see a turtle trying to cross the road.

If you see a turtle crossing the road, and it is a safe location for you to stop and help, this is a great way to help turtles avoid one of their biggest challenges. But where should you take the turtle?

The best place to move a turtle is to the side of the road they are headed toward. Many of the turtles seen crossing roads are females that have eggs and are looking for a habitat to nest. Others may be traveling from a hibernation spot to their summer foraging habitat. We may think we are helping them by taking them home or to a location that seems better suited for them than where you find them, but these are not their best options. Turtles are better off in their natural habitat and kept close to where they were found.

Draw a line from the turtle to the best place to drop him off.

