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original video podcast covers it all—now on demand. Watch Now Skip to content Sharks have inhabited oceans, rivers and streams of Earth for more than 400 million years. Key to their success is a jaw full of razor-sharp teeth decompose
slowly, fossilized teeth can be found throughout the world wherever sharks once lived. Both fossilized and recent sharks are common finds. Examine the color of the tooth to determine if it is a fossilized tooth or recent tooth.
If the tooth is bright white, it is probably a recent tooth. Access one of the shark's teeth identification websites listed in the Resources section. Scroll through the photos of teeth and compare your tooth to the photos of the tooth that
resembles your tooth. Repeat Steps 3 and 4 until you are confident you have identification publications listed in the Resources section. Green, Alexa. "How To Identify Shark Teeth Found In South Carolina"
sciencing.com, . 22 November 2019. APA Green, Alexa. (2019, November 22). How To Identify Shark Teeth Found In South Carolina last modified March 24, 2022. Otodus (Carcharocles) Megalodon Megatooth Shark Otodus
(Carcharocles) Angustidens Megatooth Shark Parotodusbenedeni False Mako Shark Carcharodoncarcharias Great White Shark Carcharodonhastalis /plicatilis Extinct White Shark Galeocerdo sp. Tiger Sharks Physogaleus contortus Tiger-like
Shop Rock Hounding Gear on Amazon Shark and other Fish Fossil shark teeth are some of the more popular fossils to look along the beaches and rivers of Coastal South Carolina. They range from Miocene to Pliocene. One of the more sought after shark is the Megalodon shark, a giant 60 foot shark! Otodus (Carcharocles) Megalodon and Chubutensis
- Megatooth Shark These are some of the more sought after shark teeth in the area. O. megalodon, with teeth that can reach sizes of 7 inches is the last and largest species of megatooth shark. O. chubutensis is the stage just before megalodon. The only difference is the presence of side cusps and a slightly smaller size. O. chubutensis are slightly
older than megalodon and come from the early to middle Miocene. O. megalodon come from the middle Miocene to early Pliocene formations. In general, O. megalodon appears to be much more common in the Lowcountry than O. chubutensis. The two species for this ID page are not differentiated for a few reasons: 1. The teeth of both these sharks
are mainly found in younger reworked Pleistocene formations, meaning one cannot determine the original formation or age of the teeth for identification. 2. Juvenile megalodon teeth will sometimes have side cusps, making them virtually indistinguishable from chubutensis. 3. Some individual chubutensis teeth have very small side cusps, making them
virtually indistinguishable from megalodon. The point is these are the same megatooth sharks that are in slightly different stages of evolution. Identification: Largest shark teeth - Very fine serrations - Broad teeth - Sometimes they have small cusps - Bourelette Similar Fossils: O. angustidens - which has large cusps and are narrower These are 3
medium sized O. Megalodon Shark teeth. They range in size from 3.5" to 4 1/8" (8.9 - 10.5 cm). Notice the distinct color differences. These teeth show a range of size and condition they are usually found in. The largest is 6 inches. Often called an "Angy," this shark is a predecessor to the megalodon shark. These shark teeth come from the Oligocene
age Ashley formation and, more commonly, the Chandler Bridge was thought to be a nursery area for these sharks. As a result, larger teeth are not nearly as common as smaller ones. The key to differentiating these teeth from megalodon and chubutensis teeth is they have robust side cusps. The teeth are generally
more narrow and have slightly coarser serrations than megalodon and chubutensis - Cusps - Bourelette Similar Fossils: O. chubutensis - This species has smaller cusps and is slightly wider. These are medium sized teeth (3 - 4 inches) O. angustidens shark teeth. Notice they are very
robust, but narrower on average than megalodon and chubutensis teeth. These are smaller size teeth (1.5 - 2.5 inches) O. angustidens shark teeth found in the Oligocene to Pliocene formations of South Carolina. Although they have a
large time range, they are difficult to find. They are easily identified by their robust shape, including very thick and large roots. Their blades are triangular and curved without serrations. Identification: Large in size - Robust - Thick root - No Serrations Similar Fossils: Certain tooth positions of Mako (Isurus) teeth may slightly resemble them. 2 inch
Parotodus benedeni from the Cooper River, Coastal South Carolina. Parotodus benedeni from the Oligocene Chandler Bridge Formation at a land site in South Carolina. This specimen was found on my South Carolina GSA trip. Great white shark teeth are fairly common along Coastal South Carolina. They come from the various Pliocene and
Pleistocene formations. Unfortunately, Great White shark teeth are very thin and are commonly found broken or rootless. These are larger teeth are broad, triangular, and flat. Lower teeth have thicker roots, have larger root lobes,
and are not as wide. Both uppers and lower Great White shark teeth. Identification: Large in size - Coarse and Irregular Serrations. Refer to the imags below for examples of upper and lower Great White shark teeth. Identification: Large in size - Coarse and Irregular Serrations.
but DO NOT have serrations. Here is your Complete guide to the Great White shark teeth from the Cooper River of South Carolina. The largest has a 2 1/16" (5.2 cm) slant height. Lower Great White shark teeth from the Cooper River of South Carolina. The largest has a 2 1/16" (5.2 cm) slant height.
teeth is the very coarse and irregular serrations. Carcharodon hastalis and plicatilis are commonly found in the Lowcountry. They are an extinct type of White shark, similar to the Great White, but they do not have serrations. They can range in size up to around 3 inches. These are commonly called "Mako Teeth" by amateurs, but are not related to
Mako sharks. C. hastalis, this Miocene "Narrow White" is a narrower form. The enamel does not come completely to the edge of the root. There are tremendous variation in these teeth, which makes identification to a species from a single tooth nearly
impossible. Usually one must rely on the age of the formation, as C. hastalis is a Miocene shark, while C. plicatilis is a Pliocene shark. Since the formations are mixed in coastal South Carolina, it's nearly impossibe distinguish an isolated tooth to a species. Identification: Large in size - Smooth cutting edges - Upper teeth are Wide and Thin - No
Bourelette - Juveniles may have cusps Similar Fossils: C. carcharis - The Great White has the same shape, but it HAS serrations. Here is your Complete guide to extinct White Sharks. These are sample C. hastalis and C. plicatilis fossil shark teeth found in coastal South Carolina Shortfin Mako sharks can grow up to 12 feet in length. They are pelagic
or open ocean sharks. Modern Makos eat a variety of prey, including other sharks, fish, and squid. For information on Mako Sharks, please visit the Mako Sha
hastalis is a Miocene shark, while C. plicatilis is a Pliocene shark. Since the formations are mixed in coastal South Carolina, it's nearly impossibe distinguish an isolated tooth to a species. Identification: Long, slender crown with no serrations. Many tooth positions have pointed root lobes and a thick root center. Similar Fossils: C. hastalis - Lover teeth
of the this extinct white has a similar shape. This is a Shortfin Mako shark tooth Isurus oxyrinchus from South Carolina. This is about as wide as the blades get on mako sharks, are a genera of Requiem shark. With over 35 living species, they are very common and have a nearly
global distribution. They feed on a variety of prey, from bony fish, other sharks and rays, and squid. Because there are so many living (and extinct) species are found in almost all of the fossil bearing formations mentioned in the main article in Coastal South
Carolina. Fossil species include the Bull Shark, Dusky Shark, Carribean Reef Shark, Copper Shark, Carribean Reef Shark, Carribean Reef
an individual species, go to the Carcharhinus page for much more ID information and images. Various fossil Carcharhinus page for much more ID information and images. Growing up to 10 feet in length, Sand Tigers are
found in temperate waters worldwide along the coast, including the Eastern United States. They look ferocious in the water as they usually swim with their mouths partially open, showing rows of long and pointy teeth. These small teeth are ideal for grasping onto bony fish, which is their food source. Sand Tigers are NOT related to Tiger Sharks.
Individual Sand Tiger teeth are highly variable. As a result, the research is a little muddy on fossil sand tigers. Also, since the formations are usually mixed in the Coastal area, making identification to a species is nearly impossible. Identification: Sand Tiger are small, usually less than an inch in size, and have a distinctive shape. They have a long
crown, small recurved cusplets (sometimes worn off), and long pointy root lobes with a deep nutrient groove. Similar Fossils: From isolated teeth, it's very difficult, if not impossible to distinguish one Sand Tiger species from the next. Fossil Sand Tiger Shark Shark teeth. These are from a land site, and are therefore bettern condition than ones found
along the beach or rivers. These are more typical sand tiger teeth, all slightly worn. Notice the side view of the tooth on the left. Tiger sharks are found in tropical and temperate waters across the globe, including the Pacific. They are large sharks with an unmistakable appearance as they have very short and blunt snouts. They also have a unique
color pattern. At birth, Tiger sharks have dark spots along their dorsal surface, which fuse into vertical bars or stripes at maturity. These unique stripes begin to fade as the shark ages. Two types of tiger sharks are common in Coastal South Carolina; G. aduncus, a Miocene species, and G. cuvier, a Pliocene to recent species. G. cuvier is larger than G.
aduncus. G. aduncus are smaller, usually less than an inch in length, while G. cuvier can reach over an inch. G. aduncus also look less robust. See the Tiger Shark page for a comparison image of all the fossil tiger shark teeth. Identification: Short crowns, Serrated distal cutting edges that are strongly notched. complex serrations on their mesial
cutting edge. Roots are flattened with square-like root lobes. Similar Fossils: The species G. aduncus, P. contortus, and G. cuvier all look similar. Check out the Tiger Shark Shark teeth - Galeocerdo aduncus These teeth are similar to G. aduncus but have
more of a grasping shape to them instead of a cutting shape. This indicates it had more of a fish diet (like sand tigers) than G. aduncus. P. contortus is an Oligocene to Miocene species. Identification: The defining characteristic of these teeth are their twisted crowns. Unlike G. aduncus, the crowns have VERY fine serrations. The enameloid shoulders
sometimes have course serrations. Their roots appear thicker and more robust than G. aduncus teeth. Similar Fossils: Worn teeth can be confused with worn Galeocerdo aduncus teeth. Similar Fossils: Worn teeth can be confused with worn Galeocerdo aduncus teeth.
Fossil Tiger-like Shark Shark Shark teeth - Physogaleus contortus This species lived from the late Oligocene into the early Pleistocene. They are commonly called Snaggeltooth Sharks due to the large serrations on the teeth. Species of Hemipristis are extant today, however, they are only found in tropical waters, and are much smaller than this fossil species.
This fossil species are also found worldwide. Go to the Snaggletooth Shark Gallery to view a composite dentition of a Snaggletooth shark and to learn more about these sharks. Identification: Upper teeth are unmistakable, as they have very jagged serrations and the root makes a "Z" type shape Lower anterior teeth look similar to sand-tiger teeth,
however, they have jagged cusps and a very thick bulge on the root. Lower lateral teeth are similar fossils: Worn lower anterior teeth may resemble sand-tiger teeth. Fossil Snaggletooth Shark teeth can be easily confused with Carcharhinus sp. lowers, however they
have smooth to very week serrated enameloid shoulders, where Carcharhinus sp. have serrated enameloid shoulders. Identification: Crown has a smooth edge, shoulder is weakly serrated, root and blade are at a nearly 90 degree angle. Similar Fossils: Carcharhinus shark lower teeth. Fossil Lemon Shark teeth from South Carolina. Notice the weakly serrated enameloid shoulders.
serrations on the shoulders almost look like little chips. Hammer Head Sharks can get up to 11 feet in length. They feed on a variety of prey, including other sharks, go to the Hammerhead Sharks Gallery. Identification: Small, No Serrations, Deep nutrient groove / notch on
root, Notched margin on enamel, Smooth enamel shoulder. Similar Fossils: Similar in shape and size to Thresher and worn carcharhinus shark teeth. Fossil Hammerhead shark tooth. Notice the smooth enamel shoulder, the deep notch in the root, and the lack of any serrations. Shark Vertebra The centers of shark vertebrae sometimes fossilize. These
look like disks that vary in thickness. usually they are thin, but some can be quite thick. Shark vertebra can be narrowed down into two categories, Lamnoid Type and Scyliorhinoid Type is more solid
and do not have the septa. Identification: Disk shaped - Thickness varies. Similar Fossils: None Sample shark vertebra from South Carolina. The upper right one is from a syliorhinoid shark, it is more solid looking. The vertebra processes would
have come out of the elongated holes in the centra. Rays have modified teeth that form flat crushing plates are adapted for eating mollusks and crustaceans on the sea floor. They suck their prey up like a vacuum and simply crush them between their upper and lower crushing plates. Common fossils from rays are pieces of their
crushing plates, barb pieces, and scutes. Fragments of fossil ray teeth from the Lowcountry of South Carolina Many types of fish are found in the formations of marine mammals such as cetacea (whales and dolphins) and dugongs are
fairly common in Coastal South Carolina. Below are sample fossils from Whales and Dolphins Cetacea - Whale/Dolphin Ear Bones (bulla and periotic) are very dense are usually the best preserved bone elements of the skull of cetacea. The two ear bones are the Periotic and the Tympanic Bulla.
Periotics look like odd shaped pebbles and are often overlooked. Sometimes the fossils become so water eroded that they become difficult to distinguish from a regular pebble. These are sample fossil Bulla and a Periotic from dolphins and a whale. Here are various whale tympanic bulla ear fossils from the Cooper River, South Carolina. They are very
dense and fossilize easily, so they are pretty common on the river bottom. They range in size from around 3 inches. Odontocetes are toothed whales that include dolphins. Odontocetes are toothed whales that include dolphins.
genus of whales and dolphins found in the formations and isolated teeth usually cannot be identified to any specific genus or species. The left two teeth are whale teeth usually have hollow roots, and when worn, show a pattern of enamel rings running up the tooth. Fossil Whale / Dolphin
vertebrae are a common find in the Lowcountry. The processes are usually broken off, and only the centra are left, as in the samples below. There are different types of vertebrae which form the head and neck veretebrae. Thoracic: Vertebrae, or Rib
Vertebrae, form the upper back. Lumbar and Sacrum: vertebrae which form the lower back. Caudal: vertebrae which form the tail. The numbers of each type of vertebrae which form the species of whale or dolphin. Some have only 41 verebrae, while others have 91 vertebrae which form the species of whale or dolphin. Some have only 41 verebrae which form the species of whale or dolphin. Some have only 41 verebrae, while others have 91 vertebrae which form the species of whale or dolphin. Some have only 41 verebrae which form the species of whale or dolphin.
protrusions) worn or broken off, so only the central disk is left. The genus and species of a cetacean cannot be determined from an isolated vertebra, usually only the vertebra, one is a Thoracic Vertebra, and one is a Cervical
Vertebra. Sample smaller sized fossil whale or dolphin vertebra from the Lowcountry of South Carolina. Whale vertebra can get much larger. Bone Fragments from cetacea are the most abundant fossils found in the low country. Often they are small and unidentifiable to a specific bone. These are sample cetacean fossil bone fragments. Some are rib
pieces, some are jaw and skull pieces. Usually you cannot identify them to a particular bone. They erode into all kinds of shapes and sizes. Dugongs are not found in North America, but in the past, they were common along the Eastern Coast of the United States. Dugong skeleton at
the Charleston Museum in South Carolina Dugong Rib Sections Dugong rib bones are common in some locations in the Lowcountry. They are easy to identify as they are incredibly dense. Their ribs are extra heavy to aid in buoyancy (it offsets some of the fat). Dugong fossil rib section from the Cooper River of South Carolina. These can be
distinguished from other mammal bone, including cetacea, by the lack of bone marrow. They ar so dense, the bone marrow is usually not visible in cross sections. Ice Age Animals One of the more popular type of fossils found in the Lowcountry is remains of numerous Ice Age mammals from the many Pleistocene formations and deposits in the area.
Well known Pleistocene formations that contain numerous Ice Age mammals include the Waccamaw formation, and the Edisto Beach deposit just off Edisto Island. Horse - Equus sp. Horses are the most common non-marine mammal fossil found in Coastal South Carolina. Although there are miocene horses, by far, the most common non-marine mammal fossil found in Coastal South Carolina.
horse comes from Equus sp., a modern horse from the numerous Pleistocene deposits. Horses were very common in North America during the Ice ages. They also became extinct in the America during the Ice ages. They also became extinct in the America during the Ice ages. They also became extinct in the America during the Ice ages. They also became extinct in the America during the Ice ages.
and spread into Asia, thus avoiding complete extinction. Pleistocene Horse teeth (Equus sp.) from the Pleostocene deposits of Coastal South Carolina. Notice the crenulation patterns on the teeth. Crenulation patterns help determine what type of animal a herbivore tooth came from. Here is another Pleistocene Horse tooth (Equus sp.) from the Cooper
River River of South Carolina. Giant Ground Sloths Giant Ground Sloths Giant Ground Sloths were group of giant sloths related to today's two and three toed sloths. They were much larger, with some reaching the size of elephants. Ground sloths evolved in South America
and spread throughout North America during the Ice Ages. They were herbivores that had very large claws that could dig up roots and dig burrows. They had very blunt teeth for chewing vegetation. All ground sloths became extinct at the end of the Ice Age around 10,000 years ago. Two Giant Ground Sloths are found in South Carolina: 1. Jefferson's
 preserved Giant Ground Sloth tooth from one of the Pleistocene formations. The Wando formation seems to contain the most Ice Age fossils. From the Cooper River in South Carolina creek. Tapir - Large Pig Like Animal
 Tpirs still live in South and Central America. They are hoofed animals that have a pig-like body with a short trunk-like snout. Tapirs are herbivores and came to North America with the rest of the large mammals when North and South America pined approximately 3 million years ago. Often Tapir teeth can be found. Their molars are relatively easy to
the roots are fragile and often break apart. Tapir molars have low crowns, usually around an inch in length, with two distinct ridges running across them. Mastodons and Mammoths are discussed together here to distinguish the
forested environments feeding on vegetation, similar to moose today. Mammoths are closely related to Asian Elephants, as they only split off the family tree around 6 million years ago. They are just a little larger with a little more fur. The griding surfaces of thier teeth are flat with small ridges on them. These are ideal for grinding up
grasses Mammoths were larger than Mastodons and had dome shaped heads, like todays elephants. The largest types of Mammoths probbably lived in grasslands and steppes grazing on tall grasses. Mastodon vs Mammoth Tooth Mastodon lower jaw with teeth
that was in the prep lab at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History. Reptiles Reptile fossils from the area mostly come from Crocodiles, Alligators, and Turtles and sometimes even gian land tortoises. Sea Turtle skeleton on display at the Museo de la Ballena in La Paz, Mexico Turtle shell fragments are very common fossils of
Coastal South Carolina. The top of a turtle shell are composed of various bones and the bottom is the Plastron. These two parts of a turtle shell are composed of various bones and scutes vary between turtle species. There are many types of fossil turtles found
The most common are soft shell and other marine turtles and tortoises found. The scute patterns as well as the line and dimple patterns on each scute help identify the turtle fossil to a genus. For example, the soft-shell turtle Apalone has a unique dimple pattern on the carapace scutes, however individual turtle
identification is beyond the scope of this basic ID page. These are Carapace bone fragments from various turtles. The diagram is a generalized diagram from Faendalimas (CC BY-SA 3.0) These are Plastron bone fragments from various turtles. The diagram is
a generalized diagram of a turtle plastron. The scute and bone shapes vary from genus to genus. Softshell turtle plastrons look very different than the diagram. Plastron diagram from Zangerl, 1969. The image above shows an American Alligator skull. Image by Didier Descouens (Own work). CC BY 3.0 Today there is only one genus in South Carolina
crocodile. In general the Alligator always has 2 carinae on opposite sides of the teeth, they look like sharp seems running down the tooth. Alligator teeth are also more blunt and straight. However, there is a high degree of individual variation. Besides isolated teeth, scutes are also found in the Lowcountry. Sometimes jaw sections are even found
Crocodile or Alligator tooth and scute The above image shows a tooth that is probably from a crocodile, as it does not have both carinae present for an alligator. The scute is easily distinguished from a turtle scute, as the dimples are much deeper than a turtles. This is a section of very worn and beat up crocodile / alligator jaw. There are two tooth
sockets. One is empty, the other has part of a tooth still in it. This is very small fossil Crocodile or Alligator vertebra from the Cooper River, SC. They are easy to Identify due to their shape. The rivers also acted as busy trade routes. Bacause of this, colonial era artifacts are common
in the blackwater rivers. The most common finds are colonoware pottery shards which were made by African Americans on the plantations. Colonial pipe stems are also commonly found. Before the Colonial era, the rivers were extensively used by Native Americans on the plantations.
This image shows a mix of Native American and Colonoware pottery shards found in the Cooper river. The three top ones with the decorations are most likely Native American. These were found along the Cooper River. Numerous plantations use to line the Cooper River. Numerous plantations use to line the Cooper river. The three top ones with the decorations are most likely Native American.
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explores the mysteries of the colossal Megalodon, delving into its growth, ancestry, and extinction. He provides a captivating account offering insight into the ultimate terror of ancient waters. (Black and White Version). Shark Tooth Hunting on the Carolina Coast Shark Tooth Hunting on the Carolina Coast Ashley Oliphant, 2015 This informative
guide not only serves as a valuable reference with beautiful color photos for comparing finds, but also incorporates the author's collecting experiences. While suitable for beginners, avid hunters may seek a more in-depth reference. It iswell-written and well-illustrated and particularly helpful in identifying shark teeth. Get Your Very Own Megalodon
 Tooth: These are Authentic Megalodon teeth sold by Fossil Era , a reputable fossil dealer (that I personally know) who turned his fossil passion into a business. His Megalodon teeth come in all sizes and prices, from small and inexpensive to large muesum quality teeth. Each tooth has a detailed descriptions and images that include its collecting
 location and formation. If you are looking for a megalodon tooth, browse through these selections! We pulled into Myrtle Beach, South Carolina last night and headed straight for the boys to have a run around 5 hours of sitting still. Those little
limbs needed to move. Myrtle Beach is beautiful! A long stretch of fine sand studded with shells, a jetty punctuating the view and making for great photos. As usual, we'd done zero research, we stopped here because we'd noticed there were loads of cheap hotel deals to be had. I quite enjoy this sort of unplanned travel, each stop is a new discovery
no plans or expectations. What we found here, handfuls of black, fossilised sharks' teeth, was an added bonus and a thrill for the kids. Myrtle Beach at sunset. Beautiful! The kids ran and played in the warm afternoon sunshine. Local people walked, but why were so many of them standing in the shallows looking at the water? One of the reasons we
quit the real world to travel! We ignored them at first. Local crazies? Searching for shellfish to eat? No idea. Eventually my curiosity got the better of me, so I asked. This is what they were finding. Sharks teeth. Myrtle Beach shark teeth. Myrtle Be
have never, ever found one. This is really unusual! Save this to Pinterest! Thanks. But why on earth are the Myrtle Beach is a well know fossil and sharks' teeth hunting area. I Googled, I found this post on how to best find teeth at
Myrtle Beach. They came in all shapes and sizes, there were a lot of hooked, pointy teeth like the ones above, but we did manage to find one very large, triangular serrated tooth. Our best fossilised shark tooth ever. But I lost it. Duh! Being a zoologist I get all excited about working out which shark they came from. See how the homeschooling (AKA)
worldschooling) is happening here? So what did we do with our sharks teeth? The boys put them under their pillows, they hope the tooth fairy will stop by. We'll be straight back down the beach after breakfast to find more. You need to stand in the shallows at Myrtle Beach and primarily look for the teeth in the shallow water as each small wave laps
the shore. You will be standing in the water, there are a lot of shell fragments and, shark teeth, so if possible wear water-resistant shoes to protect your feet. We did this barefoot and had no problems. You will simply spot the teeth and grab them, agitating the sand somewhat may help too. A long-handled sieve or net may help you grab the shark
teeth when you spot them. You will need to protect yourself from the sun with sunscreen and a hat. Larger shark teeth are most likely to be in places where larger marine debris accumulates, look for piles of large shallows. Happy shark
tooth hunting! Myrtle Beach has plenty of hotels, motels, and apartments to choose from. The beachfront Dunes Village could be a great option with kids or for an affordable family vacation, as it offers family rooms and suites plus extensive water play facilities for small children. Take a look at the facilities here. Myrtle Beach was just one stop on our
extended USA road trip, if you'd like to read more about our journey and the fascinating places we visited, you'd need this post on Planning a USA road trip. We hope you found this glimpse of Myrtle beach and finding fossilised shark teeth interesting, another glimpse into this big, fascinating world. If you'd like to hire a car during your stay, use this
car rental comparison tool to find the best deal! We also suggest you take a look at this company to get a quote for all kinds of the more tricky adventure or extended travel insurance. Try Stayz / VRBO for an alternative way to find rentals on homes/apartments/condos in any country! Myrtle Beach is the "jewel of South Carolina" and the hub of a 60-
mile string of beaches known as the Grand Strand. Every year, millions of people flock to the area which is known for its temperate climate and golden beaches. Some people come to soak up the sun and the southern hospitality, but others come with a more specific goal in mind. For example, hunting shells and shark teeth is a popular pursuit on the
Grand Strand. Every year, new treasures are discovered and last year was no exception. In August 2021, a five-year-old boy vacationing with his family found a large megalodon tooth, but hardly anyone goes home
empty-handed. Finding shark teeth along the Grand Strand is almost as easy as buying one at the local gift shop. All it takes is a little patience and perseverance. Of course, a few tips never go amiss, especially not when it comes to finding shark teeth. Local experts strike gold all the time because they know where to look. They also keep an eye on the
tides so they can arrive at their designated location at the perfect time. The tips we will share have been gathered from numerous expert sources. We hope that, by reading it, you'll stand a better chance of finding a really awesome specimen, whether that's a giant megalodon tooth, a million-year-old tooth from the predatory great white, or a selection
of smaller teeth from modern-day species like the lemon shark.6 Tips to Find Shark Teeth on Myrtle BeachOn most beaches, it's easier to find shark's teeth at low tide, but experts say this part of South Carolina is slightly different. Rather than heading there when the tide is out, the best time to find shark's teeth is when the tide rolls in. If you aim to
get to your chosen location at low tide, you might see sharks' teeth rolling in on the tide, especially if you look for them where the waves break onto the shore. Reading Suggestion: Shark Tooth HuntingSome dedicated shark tooth hunters even find treasures at high tide, as the waves here don't usually get very high. Be sure to avoid the high tide at
full moon, however, as this is higher than usual and could cover most of the available sand, making the hunt for shark's teeth all the more challenging. Before you embark on your search, make sure to check the tide times, as this could have a significant impact on the success of your hunt. Reading Suggestion: The 14 Best Beaches in Florida To Find
Sharks TeethMost shark's teeth are found in central Myrtle Beach, between 50th Avenue North and 10th Avenue South. Pawleys Island and Murrells Inlet are also good places to look. In the North Myrtle Beach area, the best places to look include the Cherry Grove Beach area and the section between 22nd Avenue North and 54th Avenue North
where a beach renourishment project is currently underway. If you're on the main beach, focus your search on the tide line where shell beds accumulate. As the waves wash over these beds so they disturb the contents, bringing new treasures to light. On North Myrtle Beach, check areas recently dredged as this brings buried sediment to the surface
and could hold the secret to finding shark's teeth. Reading Suggestion: How To Find Shark Teeth On The Beach? This area is not only known for its spectacular selection of sea glass. So keep your eyes peeled, and you could end up with a nice collection of sea glass. So keep your eyes peeled, and sharks' teeth but also for its spectacular selection of sea glass. So keep your eyes peeled, and you could end up with a nice collection of pretty shells as well as a handful of shark teeth. Tide pools are to see the collection of sea glass. So keep your eyes peeled, and you could end up with a nice collection of sea glass. So keep your eyes peeled, and you could end up with a nice collection of sea glass. So keep your eyes peeled, and you could end up with a nice collection of sea glass. So keep your eyes peeled, and you could end up with a nice collection of sea glass.
are another good place to look as these, like the shell beds, tend to accumulate treasures as the water washes through them. It can be easy to get distracted by shiny shells and colorful bits of sea glass, but what you're looking for is anything black with a glossy shine. Most of the teeth in the area are fossilized. However, unlike modern-day specimens
these are black rather than white and appear shiny after their exposure to water. Fossilized shark teeth are usually triangular with serrated edges and a distinct gum line. They are also sharply pointed and appear much more angular than the other gems you'll find in the sand. Searching for treasure in the same places as everyone else limits your
chances of a really good find. You may have more luck hunting in more remote areas, further away from the most popular spots. Pawleys Island tends to be a lot quieter than the main beaches and has a good selection of high-quality shark teeth, especially if you start your search close to the inlet to the north of the island. Finding shark teeth is only the
first part of your journey of discovery, and identifying your finds takes you deeper into the past and furthers your understanding of the natural world. Many of the teeth that wash onto shore belong to the more common species found along the Eastern seaboard. These include the ferocious bull shark, traditional tiger sharks, lemon sharks, and great
whites. Some useful shark tooth identification guides are available online, but you can also pick them up at various seaside shops throughout South Carolina. Reading Suggestion: Best Beaches in South Carolina To Find Shark TeethMany of the teeth found in the area are from sharks that went extinct millions of years ago. These include the famouseur that went extinct millions of years ago.
megalodon and several mackerel shark species. You can have a successful shark-tooth hunt without any expensive equipment or prior experience, but there are a few tools that could make your hunt more rewarding. Sunglasses, for example, can combat the glare of the sun on the waves and make it easier to spot the shiny black triangles you're
searching for. Although you can just use your hands to scoop up and sift through the sand, a sieve, small net, or Florida snow plow makes the process much easier and increases your chances of success. A pair of water shoes also makes walking over shell beds more comfortable, so you can continue your search for a lot longer than you might
barefoot. Best Time to Find Sharks Teeth at Myrtle BeachThis section of the South Carolina coast is a popular vacation destination that attracts over 20 million visitors each year, with an occupancy rate of 92%." Although the water's warm and the sur
inevitably shining, this isn't the best time for shark tooth or shell hunting. Reading Suggestion: What Does a Shark Tooth Symbolize? With so many people around, finding enough space to hunt for shells and sharks' teeth can be challenging. The area is much quieter during fall and winter, making it more suitable for shark tooth hunting. Temperatures
remain moderate and rarely drop below 60°F, even in mid-winter. The water temperature is cool but warm enough to paddle in, which is all you really need when hunting for shark's teeth. Reading Suggestion: How Many Teeth Do Sharks Have? Head to South Carolina in the off-season, keep an eye on the tide times, and you stand a good chance of
going home with some exceptional specimens. Common Shark Teeth You Can Find at Myrtle BeachThe most common species. You can expect to find specimens from common species like bull sharks, blacktip, spinner, and tiger sharks. Megalodon teeth are also relatively
common simply because these enormous sharks produced so many of them. Scientists believe that these 50-foot monsters had around 276 teeth packed into their 9-foot-long jaws. With an estimated global population of around 276 teeth packed into their 9-foot-long jaws. With an estimated global population of around 276 teeth packed into their 9-foot-long jaws. With an estimated global population of around 276 teeth packed into their 9-foot-long jaws. With an estimated global population of around 276 teeth packed into their 9-foot-long jaws.
Teeth on Myrtle Beach?People find megalodon teeth on Myrtle Beach every year. Last year, local resident Tina Farley found one in a swash near Beach Cove Resort. Reading Suggestion: Where To Find Megalodon Teeth?While not as
common as some other species, megalodon teeth turn up frequently enough to make hunting for them worth your while. How to Tell if a Shark Tooth is RealSo many shark teeth are found in this area that some people have speculated that they were dumped there to promote tourism. This isn't true, and the chances of finding a fake tooth in amongst
the sand and shells are extremely slim. The only place you're likely to find fake shark teeth in Myrtle Beach is in the local seaside stores. Fake teeth are often bright white because they're made of porcelain or plastic and are warm to the
touch. Real shark teeth are cold when you touch them, more commonly black rather than white. If you do find a modern-day shark tooth, it will be off-white because it hasn't had the chance to fossilize yet, but it won't be as sparklingly clean as a fake tooth. ConclusionOther than Venice Beach, Florida, there are few other places in the world as famous
for shark teeth as Myrtle Beach. You can find high-quality specimens without any prior experience or equipment. All you really need is patience and a sharp eye. Reading Suggestion: Best Beaches in The World To Find Shark TeethBy applying the tips we've shared here, however, your search could prove all the more pleasurable and rewarding. So,
what are you waiting for? Get yourself over to Myrtle Beach and see if you won't be the next lucky person to uncover a giant megalodon tooth! Nicky is a British adventurer and animal lover who spends her time exploring the natural world and writing about her experiences. Whether on horseback, underwater, running, hiking or just standing with a
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given. The license may not give you all of the permissions necessary for your intended use. For example, other rights may limit how you use the material. If you're heading to Myrtle Beach and love a good treasure hunt, searching for shark teeth is an exciting way to connect with nature and history. These
ancient fossils wash up along the shore, giving you a chance to find a piece of the prehistoric ocean right in your hands. With a bit of know-how and patience, you can uncover these unique souvenirs during your beach adventures. Finding shark teeth at Myrtle Beach isn't just about knowing where and when to look. Whether you're a
seasoned collector or a curious beginner, understanding the best spots and techniques will boost your chances. Get ready to dive into this thrilling experience and add some stunning fossils to your collection. Shark teeth offer a glimpse into the prehistoric ocean that once covered the Myrtle Beach area. Knowing their nature and origin strengthens
your ability to find these fossils. Shark teeth are hard, calcified structures that sharks continuously shed and replace throughout their lives. Each tooth functions for feeding, puncturing, or cutting prey. Teeth vary by species, ranging from pointed and narrow to broad and serrated. Unlike bones, teeth fossilize well due to their enamel coating,
preserving details for millions of years. You'll find teeth from various prehistoric sharks, including the famous Megalodon, in the region. Myrtle Beach lies within a fossil-rich geological zone once submerged by ancient seas during the Miocene and Pliocene epochs, about 2.6 to 23 million years ago. Sediments and river deposits exposed by tides
concentrate fossilized shark teeth along the coastline. Natural beach erosion and storms reveal fresh deposits, making the area ideal for fossil hunting. You encounter teeth in sand, shell beds, and near creek mouths where materials accumulate naturally. Timing and location play crucial roles in your success finding shark teeth at Myrtle Beach
Understanding seasonal patterns and key spots boosts your chances of uncovering these months erode the shoreline and expose fresh fossil deposits. Cooler temperatures reduce beach crowds, giving present the best conditions for finding shark teeth at Myrtle Beach. Strong waves and storms during these months erode the shoreline and expose fresh fossil deposits. Cooler temperatures reduce beach crowds, giving
you more space to search. Summer months offer opportunities but bring larger crowds and calmer waters, which slow fossil exposure. Tide changes also affect your success, so search during low tide to access more of the exposed sand and shell beds where shark teeth collect. Certain areas along Myrtle Beach provide higher concentrations of shark
teeth. Look near creek mouths, such as those of the Murrells Inlet and Waccamaw River, where water flow gathers fossil-rich sediment. The southern end of Myrtle Beach, close to the state park, features shell beds with abundant teeth fragments. Piers and jetties create natural barriers that trap teeth and fossils in the sand. Walking these zones
during low tide maximizes your chances. Regularly check eroded cliffs and areas with recent storm debris, as they often reveal new fossil caches. You improve your chances of finding shark teeth at Myrtle Beach by using the right tools and mastering effective searching techniques. Proper preparation and methodical searching help uncover more
fossils in less time. Sifter or sand scoop: Use these to sift through sand and shell debris efficiently, capturing small teeth without losing them. Sturdy gloves: Protect your finds safely and separate shark teeth from other
materials. Small hand shovel or trowel: Dig gently in exposed sediment, especially near creek mouths and washed-up storm debris. Magnifying glass: Inspect small pieces closely to identify teeth from shell fragments and rocks. Kneeling pad: Improve comfort during prolonged searches in shallow water or sandy areas. Appropriate footwear: Wear
waterproof boots or shoes with good grip to navigate slippery rocks and wet sand confidently. Scan edges of creek mouths and tidal pools where currents concentrate fossils. Sift debris from storm deposits and eroded cliffs as they often reveal fresh teeth. Work methodically in small sections during low tide to expose maximum surface area. Examine
darker, heavier materials first since shark teeth often sink and settle differently than lighter shells. Use a fine mesh sifter to filter sand, especially near piers and jetties where fossil concentration increases. Target areas with visible fossil fragments; a few pieces often signal a richer deposit nearby. Maintain a sharp eye for triangular shapes and gloss
enamel, common characteristics of shark teeth. Applying the right gear and focused techniques results in a more productive shark teeth hunting experience on Myrtle Beach shores. Recognizing genuine shark teeth hunting experience on Myrtle Beach shores. Recognizing genuine shark teeth improves your chances of building an authentic collection. Understanding their distinct traits and how to separate them from similar
fossils is key. Look for a triangular shape with sharp edges and a pointed tip. Most shark teeth measure between 0.5 to 3 inches, though sizes vary by species. Examine the enamel coating, which appears glossy and smooth, distinguishing teeth from porous bones or shells. Notice fine serrations along the edges in many species, designed for slicing.
The root at the tooth base often shows a rough, spongy texture. Colors range from black and dark brown to earthy hues, influenced by mineralization over time. Shark teeth lack the uniform pattern and thickness seen in many shells. Unlike bone fragments, teeth are denser and have a consistent hardness across the enamel surface. Fossilized fish
scales are typically smaller, thinner, and lack the triangular profile. You can gently scratch suspected teeth with a coin; genuine teeth resist scratching due to enamel hardness, while softer fossils may show marks. Be cautious with petrified wood or coral fragments that sometimes resemble teeth but lack the sharp edges and pointed tips. Caring for
your shark teeth ensures they maintain their value and appearance over time. Proper cleaning, handling, and storage protect these delicate fossils from damage and deterioration. Clean shark teeth gently using lukewarm water and a soft brush to remove sand and debris without scratching the enamel surface. Avoid harsh chemicals or abrasive
materials that could erode the tooth's structure. Soak specimens in a mild solution of water and a few drops of dish soap if residues persist, rinsing thoroughly afterward. Handle teeth by their edges to prevent mold growth or mineral buildup. Display
shark teeth in airtight containers or shadow boxes with foam backing to prevent shifting and potential damage. Use individual compartments or small clear bags to organize teeth by species or size while limiting abrasion. Store in a cool, dry space away from direct sunlight to avoid fading or warping. Label collections with location and date of
discovery to track provenance. Consider rotating displayed items to minimize exposure and preserve your collection's condition over time. Finding shark teeth at Myrtle Beach is a rewarding adventure that connects you with a fascinating piece of prehistoric history. With the right timing, location, and tools, you can uncover these unique fossils and
add something truly special to your collection. Keep exploring patiently and enjoy the thrill of discovery. Each tooth you find tells a story from ancient seas, making your time on the beach both fun and educational. Whether you're a beginner or experienced collector, Myrtle Beach offers an unforgettable experience for every fossil hunter. How many
shark teeth will I find in each tier? It's not an exact number but rather a certain weight of each category of what's included. (See Chart for What Is Included.) Note: Our inventory changes often. Can I find a Meg in my tier? It is a possibility to find a Meg tooth, but more commonly its ancestors are found (megatooth sharks that existed prior to
Megalodon). Will I find a great white tooth in the great white tooth in the great white tooth in the standard meg find a whole Megalodon white tooth in the standard meg find a whole Megalodon white tooth in the standard megalodon white tooth in the great white tooth in t
The premium Meg tier does include whole teeth. Will I find a whole tooth in a great white standard guarantees at least 1 whole tooth of a certain weight and it could be from several different megatooth shark species including megalodon. The premium tier guarantees more weight of whole teeth. How long will it take to go
through each tier? It depends on the tier that you choose and how meticulously you go through the matrix itself. The Sandbar typically take 45 minutes to an hour and a half. Both Megalodon tiers typically take 2 hours as they are both 20 gallons of matrix.
Is the cost of each tier per person or just for the tier? The cost is per tier, not per person. Your entire party can sift through your tier. Do you take us out to look for shark teeth? No, all of our tiers are pre-mixed buckets of matrix and you sift here on-site. We have
several tents set up to try to keep you from getting wet. However, this is an outside activity so plan accordingly. Absolutely during our normal business hours. Coming outside of those normal business hours. We have two
fossil experts that assist you with what to do as well as attempting to identify your fossils. Absolutely 100% authentic found by divers off the Carolinas. ... or at least how I find them. There may be other ways to find shark teeth on the beach, and I'll touch on those briefly, but I'll focus mostly on my methods. Although Myrtle Beach isn't a
premier collecting location, it sure is fun finding shark teeth there while you're on vacation. This blog post hopefully will help you. First of all, let me state that there are more productive fossil hunting locations along the U.S. Eastern Coastal Plain, so this isn't a recommendation to collect there if you plan specifically hope to find the megalodon or
great white shark tooth of your dreams, although large nice teeth and other fossils are just another fun activity and well worth the effort. Even though I go to Myrtle Beach to vacation, any time that I'm fossil collecting, I may take it a bit more seriously
than others. Let's start off with the right tools for the job. The most important tool is... (drum roll inserted here) ... ready? Your eyes. You need to discern the shapes and characteristics of shark teeth from the gazillions shell fragments that you may encounter on the beach. After that, additional tools are up to you. The most
important tool that you'll need are your peepers...learn what the teeth look like and their characteristics and you'll find them. There are other useful tools, but these are the best. OK, well some of us, like me, need a little help... Other than my eyes, my other tools and things that I carry with me consist of a tool to assist me in collecting that I refer to
as my "pick up tool", some sort of container to keep your finds in, a fanny pack to carry essentials (water, cell phone, room key, camera, etc.), and comfortable footwear. My "pick up tool" consists of a frying skimmer that I purchased at Gander Mountain, some Gorilla tape, and PVC pipe cut to an appropriate length. My collecting container is an old
mayo container with a large lid. It will easily hold large and small shark teeth. My "pick up tool" has one important function to me, to save my back. Bending over a thousand times in a day can really give an old codger like me a week long back ache or worse. This tool allows me to pick something up and bring it up to my eyes where I can see it. If
the item is small, I simply pick up it along with the sand surrounding it. The tool allows me to also catch stuff in the surf much more quickly than if I had to launch after it with my hand because I carry the tool at beach level, like an extension of my arm and hand, at all times. Waves may still steal something from my grasp, but my odds of collecting
something are increased dramatically while using the "pick up tool". Also, regarding my collecting tool, or collecting in general here. I pick up just about ninety percent of what I pick up is not a shark tooth. Still, I keep checking. Every now and then, I'd say that about ninety percent of what I pick up is not a shark tooth.
pick up something that I don't think is a shark tooth, and it turns out to be one! When I see something that I think might be a shark tooth or something else of interest, I use my "pick up tool" to bring it closer to eye level and save my back from a future back ache. If it's a small object, I grab everything around it too. Well, you may ask, why not just go
barefoot? After all, you're on the beach, right? My response would be, "True, and if you prefer that, go for it." But, I personally find that if the bottoms of my dawgs getting sore. So, I either wear flats shoes (designed for fishing the
flats) or Crocs. Both types of shoes can be worn easily in the water. The flats shoes keep sand and shells out, and allow me to walk on shells and rocks without cutting the bottoms of my feet from getting cut by shells and other beach
material. I may look goofy out there, but I'm comfortable, and when I'm comfortable, and when I'm comfortable, I can more easily focus on what I'm searching for. Crocs are OK, but I also wear socks to prevent blisters. The only problem with using them is that when collecting in the surf, shells find their way between your feet and the shoes, so you'll constantly be cleaning
them out. Well, here's a fossil nerd if I ever saw one! I may look goofy, but my feet are comfortable and I have everything that I need to collect as long as my family permits me to do it. In the summer, it's hot out there, so make sure that you bring plenty of water along and wear sun screen if your skin is as fair as mine. I can't stress enough
about how important having enough water available is while collecting. If you stress from the heat and sun, your concentration goes down, and when that happens, not only does your collecting suffer, but your health most likely will too. It can be dangerous out there if you aren't careful. A few years ago, I left my resort hotel and walked quite a ways
collecting. I had two bottles of water and it had to be well over a hundred degrees out there with no wind at all. I ran out of water half way on my return trip. Fortunately, I ran into my soon to be friend Carl from Northeast Pennsylvania.
what I was doing and showing him my finds, he offered me an ice cold beverage. It was a Yuengling to be exact. Now I'm not a big beer drinker, although I love the taste of a good beer now and then, drinking water is far better for you health wise to prevent heat stroke, but, let me tell you friends...that Yuengling was like heaven! Ice cold and hit the
spot. It cooled me down instantly. And, fortunately, my walk back wasn't all that far. So, not only will you have fun collecting and possibly gain some attention, you'll make friends along the way by nice folks like Carl. I see him every year at the same spot during my vacation and he flags me down to say hi, offering me a Yuengling each time. I'm
forever thankful to Carl for that ice cold beverage. Thanks Carl!!!! As far as techniques go, I see other collectors sifting the shell beds or simply using their hands to sort through the beach material either by fanning the shell beds or simply using their hands to sort through the shell beds or simply using the shell beds or simply using
trowels, rakes, shovels, etc. They may all assist you in finding fossils on the beach as they might at other locations. I prefer a lot less work while I'm on vacation, so surface collecting for me is the ticket. So next, you may ask, where would I find shark teeth at Myrtle Beach? My answer is, on the beach. I'm not saying that to be smart, but they're
there, and they can be anywhere. I think that the odds of you finding shark teeth increase when you find shelly material on the beach as the teeth could be mixed in. But really, any wave can uncover one in the sand or amongst the shells. Or, the wind could expose a fossil well above the tide line, perhaps where someone sunbathed just hours earlier
Or, perhaps someone built a sand castle and the waves are destroying the fortress, exposing teeth and other shells exposed from someone's sand castle building efforts. Sand castle building efforts. Sand castle building efforts may find tears of joy if the exposed fossils
result in a good find! I guess what I'm saying is that, once you learn to identify teeth, you can find the most success. But keep an open mind. Any place that you notice fossil material, whether it's old fossilized shells, porpoise or whale bone
fragments, or internal molds of gastropods, you have a chance at finding fossilized shark teeth. Creek mouths, like this one, provide a constant source of erosion, moving sand and shells. Sometimes you can see the shark teeth just tumbling down to you. The trick is to catch them and not let them get buried or carried away by a wave (this is where
my "pick up tool" comes in handy). Some storm drains don't flow much, but are worth checking after a thunderstorm. This sign says it all about the creek mouths. It's OK to collect, but I wouldn't want any of this water in my eyes or mouth. It's OK to collect, but I wouldn't want any of the
best places to find shark teeth is where the water meets the shoreline and washes shell material back and forth. The waves can be your friend. My collecting tool helps me keep from losing larger teeth in the surf, and getting them much more
quickly than bending over. A couple more tips about where to find shark teeth on the beach. First, larger teeth are usually found with larger shell fragments and other beach materials. The same is true with shells. So, it's more likely that larger
shells and teeth would be found together. Disclaimer: not always though...it's not a golden rule. It's just an observation that seems to be true most of the time. That said, I've found larger teeth all by their lonesome laying right on the sand without even a shell fragment within yards of it. Massive shell beds aren't easy to search, so take your time.
You may find it easier to search where the waves have washed the material down, where shark teeth stand out more against the sand, making them easier to see. Once you become familiar with the shapes and other characteristics of shark teeth, you will be able to see them among the shells. The shell beds always seem to be sorted with objects of
similar size, and lay on the beach in zones. At low tide, you may wish to search all of the zones or simply follow one down the beach. How you approach this is simply up to you. Keep in mind that there is no way that you can cover the entire beach and find every tooth. It's just too massive. So, pick a spot and focus on that area, At low tide, if the
water isn't moving shell material, my approach is to follow a likely zone traveling slowly parallel to the surf, moving up toward the high tide line while searching with my eyes for teeth across zones. After I reach
the high tide line, I move a bit in one direction to my right or left, and travel back down toward the water, slowly moving and sweeping my eyes across the shell material keeping and eye out for teeth. I basically work about a fifty or hundred yard stretch in a grid like manner this way. If you have trouble finding teeth, slow down. Looking parallel to
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shore, you can see the various tidal zones, or shell deposits, that you may find shark teeth mixed in with the shells. Some people find a tooth, and search the zone in the same general path that they found the other tooth in. Others move back and forth, mixing their search up. I prefer to search across the zones (right to left, then left to right in this picture) and cover the entire section of beach that interests me. Standing at the high tide area while looking toward the surf, you can easily see the various tidal deposit zones. I prefer to move across these zones, from the surf toward the high tide line, and then in the reverse direction. Move slowly and search back and forth with your eyes for signs of teeth. If the surf is washing shell material directly, I move slowly along the waters edge, watching intently as waves move beach material around, waiting for it to uncover my prize. When you see a tooth, or what may be a tooth, grab it quickly before the next wave attempts to sweep it away or bury it with sand. Now that we've discussed where you might find teeth, let's take a look at some very basic anatomy of a shark tooth and the characteristics of fossilized shark teeth that will help you discern the teeth from the scads of shell fragments on the beach. I'm not going to post all of the different types or shapes in this post, but will do so in a future post. Instead, I'll point out things that will help

you find teeth in general. First, all shark teeth that are whole and not broken have a root and a blade with a distinct cutting edge. This great white shark teeth have in common, no matter the shape. Whole teeth all have roots, blades and cutting edges (along the entire length or only partially along the blade). The shark teeth that you may find at Myrtle Beach will most likely be fossilized and have some sort of coloration. Modern day teeth are pure white, and you can see them at the bottom of the shark tank at the Ripley's Aquarium. The fossilized teeth colors vary from grays, greens, browns, to almost pitch black. Some may be cream colored. The coloration depends on the minerals that leached into the tooth during the fossilization process, which may have occurred over millions of years. Most of the teeth that you'll find will be broken, perhaps without the root, or only one lobe of the root. Most will be small, about a half inch or less in size. And most will be worn, although you may find a good many teeth that are in good shape. My tip for you is to pick them all up until you learn what a tooth is not. If you can spot the small or broken teeth, then you'll be able to spot whole or large teeth, either buried or completely exposed. Once you learn what is a tooth and what is not, you'll spot many more teeth. You'll achieve what my daughter and I refer to as getting "the eye". Just remember, teeth have cutting edges, shells do not. Teeth, even broken ones, are almost perfectly designed as teeth, shells are irregular and imperfectly formed (no offense meant to shell collectors, but from a shark tooth hunting perspective being that teeth are perfectly designed to cut while shells are not). This extremely worn great white tooth still exhibits the traits of a blade. Shells, on the other hand, may be shaped like a tooth overall, but don't have the cutting edge or the regular surface. This is NOT a tooth. Once you learn what a tooth is and what isn't, you'll have "the eye". Here's another tip. Forget about shells when tooth collecting. Focus on finding only teeth, at least until you gain more toothin' experience. If you try to find both simultaneously, you'll find less teeth and perhaps overlook a great find right under your eyes. There's nothing at all wrong about shell collecting, and if you do that just realize that it's tough to do both. At least, for me that's true. I basically ignore shells and search for fossils. So my advice is to do one, or the other characteristics than just the color. Shark teeth also tend to shine a bit more than shells. Teeth that are wet tend to be a bit easier to see also. Here are some pics before and after the find, to give you an idea of what you may be looking at. Where's the tooth? When they lay on sand with nothing around them, they're pretty easy to spot. This is a typical tooth. Small, maybe a bit broken, but still, a tooth. Learn to distinguish teeth from non-teeth, and you'll find the unbroken and larger teeth in the future. Get "the eye"! Can you spot the tooth here? It's partially buried. Here it is! Yep, it's a tooth. It looks like a bull shark or similar requiem shark lower tooth. This one is even harder to see. I've given you a hint though! Here it is! It's another requiem shark lower tooth! Make sure that you check things out that are partially buried, they could be a shark tooth. There is a bigger tooth here. This, like many of the larger teeth, are higher up on the beach, perhaps because they are heavier, or perhaps because that beach material has yet to be eroded as much? Notice how close a vehicle came to pushing this tooth deep into the sand! It's a small worn megalodon, or a "meg", tooth! Meg teeth aren't common, but it's possible to find them at Myrtle Beach. Sometimes you'll find fragments that are difficult to recognize as teeth. There's a large tooth amongst the shells. Can you see it? This one is very difficult to see because it's not black as are many of the enamel and the general shape. It's a tooth from a great white shark. Too bad the root has been broken off. Still, this is a nice find at Myrtle Beach. Here's another tooth found high on the beach. A jogger or hiker stepped right over it! Here's the tooth. This great white shark tooth is pitch black. It has a nice tip and almost all of the serrations, but the root has been partially broken off. Still, a great find! There's a meg fragment amongst the shells in this picture. Can you spot it? The meg fragment looks like a rock. Several folks that I spoke to about this megalodon fragment gives me hope that some day I'll find a whole one in good shape at Myrtle Beach. It sure gives you an idea just how large these teeth can be. This shark may have been forty feet long or more. Megalodon became extinct more than two million years ago. I saved the best for last. Remember when I said that big teeth are found around big stuff? I guess you could say that it's true here too, but this tooth was pretty much in the open. It's my best great white tooth to date from Myrtle Beach. I was actually walking back to my hotel, not really looking for teeth but with my head habitually looking down when I spotted this tooth. I was stunned, but managed to snap a pic before jumping up and down. Here's the labial view of that tooth. Labial view refers to the side of the tooth that faces away from the sharks mouth. If you see this as a shark approaches, you still have a chance to get away! This is the lingual (tongue) view of that great white shark teeth that I've ever found at Myrtle Beach, it's one of the best in my collection. The tip, root and all of the serrations except for one are intact. Almost perfect! But, it's perfect to me! You may be wondering why I pick up the small broken teeth, or the small whole teeth, as long as there are teeth like those great whites pictured above on the beach. I spoke earlier about getting "the eye", and spotting small teeth or even fragments of teeth keeps my eye sharp. Also, I tend to give away almost as many of the smaller teeth that I find to kids and/or parents on the beach, to help them find teeth. Giving them a nice tooth. My daughter referred to me jokingly as the summer Santa of Myrtle Beach. All I can do is laugh at that idea. But, when you think about it, maybe when I give a tooth away, good collecting Karma will come my way. It does seem that when I give teeth away, good collecting Karma will come my way. It does seem that when I give teeth away, good collecting Karma will come my way. It does seem that when I give a tooth away, I find a replacement that is as good or better. So, when you become adept at finding shark teeth, keep that in mind. You'll pass on the hobby, make some friends on the beach, and bring a smile to someone's face, and in return, maybe you'll get some good toothin' karma! Hopefully this info will help you find shark teeth at Myrtle Beach. If you've never collected them, it's a great way to spend some time with your family doing something fun on the beach. I've spent countless hours with my daughter looking for shark teeth at Myrtle Beach. She has the eagle eye for them for sure, and even though she's now an adult finding her way through her college life, I still treasure my quality time while vacationing with her at the Beach. My next post will lay out the basic shapes and types of teeth and fossils that you'll find to help you identify what they are, so stay tuned. Myrtle Beach is not only renowned for its beautiful shores, but it also offers a unique treasure hunt for those looking to uncover the ancient remnants of the ocean—shark teeth! Finding shark teeth in Myrtle Beach can be an exciting and rewarding experience, especially for families, nature enthusiasts, and collectors. In this guide, we will explore everything you need to know about locating these fascinating fossils along the Myrtle Beach coastline. Understanding Shark Teeth Shark teeth throughout their lives, with some species losing thousands of teeth during their lifetime. This results in a vast number of teeth ending up on the ocean floor, making beaches like Myrtle Beach boasts a unique combination of natural factors that make it an excellent spot for finding shark teeth. The area's sandy beaches, tidal pools, and washed-up debris provide ideal conditions for uncovering these fossils. Additionally, storms can shift sand and expose hidden treasures. The diverse marine life in the region means that a wide variety of shark species have called these waters home, increasing the chances of finding different types of shark teeth. Best Locations to Search for Shark teeth in Myrtle Beach. Here are some recommended spots to start your search: The Grand Strand: The extensive stretch of beach known as The Grand Strand is packed with opportunistic areas for discovering shark teeth. Look near where rivers meet the ocean or areas with exposed shells. Huntington Beach State Park: This park is famous for its natural beauty and wildlife. The less crowded beaches often yield good finds, and the ebb and flow of the tide can help wash up new teeth. Pawleys Island: This quieter beach area is another hotspot for shark teeth. Early morning walks after high tide can provide a fresh supply of fossils to inspect. Murrells Inlet: This scenic area features marshlands and tidal flats where shark teeth are often found. Be sure to check the sandy banks and shallow waters. Best Time to Find Shark Teeth The best time to search for shark teeth in Myrtle Beach is during low tide. During this time, the receding waters expose more of the beach, creating an opportunity to discover hidden treasures. Early morning or late evening after storms can also be fruitful times, as storms often stir up the sand and bring new shark teeth to the surface. Techniques for Finding Shark Teeth Finding shark teeth can be a bit of an art combined with patience and technique. Here are some effective methods for searching: Look for Color: Shark teeth can be a bit of an art combined with patience and technique. Here are some effective methods for searching: Look for Color: Shark teeth can be a bit of an art combined with patience and technique. Here are some effective methods for searching: Look for Color: Shark teeth can be a bit of an art combined with patience and technique. a small sieve or sand scoop can enhance your search. This tool allows you to sift through the sand and separate shells and debris to reveal hidden teeth. Scan the water can reveal teeth that were buried in the sand. Inspect Shell Piles: Areas with piles of shells often hide shark teeth. Take the time to look through these spots, as they can be treasure troves! Tips for Successful Shark teeth in Myrtle Beach: Be Patient: Finding shark teeth can take time, so don't rush the process. Enjoy your beachcombing and stay persistent! Bring the Right Gear: Equip yourself with comfortable shoes, a bucket or bag to collect your finds, and sunscreen to protect against the sun. Know Your Types: Familiarize yourself with different shark tooth types. Some common varieties include the teeth of the Great White, Tiger Shark, and Mako Shark. Understanding what you're looking for can enhance your search. Join a Guided Tour: Consider joining a shark tooth hunting tour. Local guides offer expertise and access to lesser-known spots that may yield better results. What to Do with Your Shark Teeth Finds Once you've successfully collected shark teeth, you might wonder what to do with them. Here are a few ideas: Create a Display: Frame your best finds or display them in a shadow box with labels showing the types of sharks they come from. Educational Use: If you have children, use the teeth as educational tools to teach them about marine biology and the history of sharks. Craft Projects: Shark teeth can be used in various crafts. Consider making jewelry or other decorative items with your special finds. Conclusion Locating shark teeth in Myrtle Beach is a rewarding adventure that can create lasting memories for individuals and families alike. With the right knowledge, techniques, and a bit of patience, you can unearth these fascinating fossils and enjoy a day of exploration by the beautiful Atlantic Ocean. So grab your gear, head to the beach, and start your hunt for shark teeth in Myrtle Beach today!

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