Reef Etiquette

This swim area is an excellent place to enter the coral reef ecosystem. Coral—a colony of living creatures—is surprisingly fragile and easily damaged. Here are a few tips to help you preserve this colorful underwater environment:

- If you are just learning to snorkel, stay in the shallow sand until you are comfortable with your equipment.
- When you are near sea grasses and coral, remain floating and never touch anything with your hands or fins. Brushing against living coral may result in painful stings for us and death to the coral.
- Buoys mark the swimming/snorkeling boundary. Within this area are several healthy coral patches to explore.

The moat wall provides a surface on which soft and hard corals and other reef invertebrates can grow.

**Hard Corals**
- Brain Coral
- Large Star Coral

**Soft Corals**
- Sea Fan and Sea Flames
- Sea Whips

**Invertebrates**
- Spiny Sea Urchin
- Tube Sponge