

Preventing Your Golf Cart from Disappearing

Reports of golf cart thefts are not always intentional thefts, but a matter of mistaken identity. Many golf carts on Bald Head Island look the same and to the unsuspecting visitor or renter, they can easily end up driving off in the wrong golf cart.

Here are a few tips for making it harder for someone to take off with your golf cart:

1. Re-key your golf carts. This will ensure that another golf cart key will not work on your cart and your key will not work on someone else's (in case your renter or visitor takes the key out of the cart like they do with their regular car keys).
2. Purchase a pedal to wheel lock for your golf cart(s).
3. Have a hidden kill switch installed.
4. Do something to make your golf cart stand out. This could mean painting it a unique color, naming it (often folks will put the house name on the cart), or putting a special decal or decoration on it. Just make sure that nothing is blocking the view of the driver.
5. Educate your renter/visitor about this issue so that they are prepared to double check that they are getting into the right cart.
6. Install a GPS. While this won't necessarily prevent a cart from being stolen, it will be helpful in locating it if all else fails.