

WELCOME TO THE TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS. PLEASE ENJOY OUR BEAUTIFUL ISLANDS AND HEALTHY ECOSYSTEMS. HELP US TO KEEP IT THIS WAY BY ABIDING BY THE FOLLOWING NATIONAL PARK RULES AND ETIQUETTE GUIDELINES. PLEASE USE YOUR COMMON SENSE AND PRESERVE OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

#### NATIONAL PARK RULES & ETIQUETTE

1. Do not litter: Please remove all your trash including cigarette butts. Be mindful of the wind blowing trash into the sea.
2. It is illegal to remove corals, sand, shells and wildlife, whether dead or alive, from the beach or ocean, including conch shells.
3. No fishing of any kind is permitted in protected areas including 'catch and release' or conch and lobster fishing.
4. It is illegal to feed the wildlife including fish, birds and reptiles.
5. Do not walk on the sand dunes and please watch out for turtle and bird nesting areas on the uninhabited cays.
6. Visiting designated Sanctuaries or having open fires in a National Park is not allowed without a DEMA permit.
7. Please keep noise to a minimum and be conscious of other National Park users.
8. Lifting stingrays partially or out of the water for any reason whatsoever is not permitted. There should also be no diving of conch in the park or feeding the stingrays on Gibbs Cay. Feeding rays, barracudas, sharks or any fish is not permitted.

#### SNORKEL & DIVE ETIQUETTE

1. Do not stand on or touch the coral; it is a living animal and you will harm it.
2. Watch your fins when snorkeling or diving; try to keep your body flat and your fins up to prevent coral damage. Also try to avoid kicking the sand so that the fine particles do not smother and choke the living coral.
3. No one, not even residents or tour operators, are allowed to feed, pet, harass or remove the marine life, even if it appears dead. Feeding is illegal in the marine park.
4. It is illegal to remove corals, sand, shells and wildlife, whether dead or alive, from the National Park.
5. Please use biodegradable suntan lotion or rash guards with SPF protection to help reduce the amount of suntan lotion needed.
6. Allow adequate time for suntan lotions to soak into skin before going into the water.
7. Swimmers and snorkelers should watch out for boats at all times and stay out of boat access lanes.
8. If you are swimming or snorkeling offshore, please wear a snorkeling vest so you are more visible to boat traffic.
9. Only support tour operators who follow the national park rules and act in an environmentally responsible manner.

To see the full list of TCI Environmental Laws and Regulations including the Turks and Caicos National Park and Fisheries ordinances please visit:  
[www.gov.tc/environment](http://www.gov.tc/environment)

#### BOATING REGULATIONS & ETIQUETTE

1. Follow boating 'Rules of the Road' at all times.
2. Watch out for other users such as divers, snorkelers, kayakers, paddle-boarders and sailing craft.
3. Jet skis or similar PWC are not permitted within protected areas.
4. There is a speed limit of 15mph in all National Marine Parks except in a designated water ski zone.
5. Within protected areas, waterskiing and other towing sports are only permitted inside designated areas and it is a legal requirement for these vessels to have a dedicated crew member to act as a spotter.
6. For safety reasons, it is highly recommended that all vessels reduce speed to 5mph or less when operating within approximately 330ft or 100m of the shoreline anywhere in the Turks and Caicos Islands.
7. Do not anchor on coral reefs or grass beds. Please use permanent moorings where available. When using an anchor, place it in clear sand only. If possible, swim the anchor and chain down to ensure a proper placement.
8. The majority of dive moorings (white with a blue stripe) on Grand Turk are designed only for vessels of less than 50 feet in length. In addition, use of these moorings requires a National Parks license from DEMA.
9. Vessels without a National Parks license and vessels of greater than 60 feet in length should anchor in a designated anchoring zone.
10. When using a mooring, allow plenty of scope to avoid unnecessary wear and tear of mooring line and pin.
11. It is not permitted to anchor within 300ft of a mooring.
12. Fishing of any kind in a protected area or from a designated dive or snorkel mooring is illegal.

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## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION FOR VISITORS AND RESIDENTS



**GRAND TURK,  
TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS.**

# MAP OF PROTECTED AREAS IN & AROUND GRAND TURK



GRAND TURK PROTECTED AREAS outlined in yellow:  
 NP-3 Columbus Landfall Marine National Park,  
 NP-7 Grand Turk Cays Land and Sea National Park: (Gibbs, Penniston, and Martin Alonzo Pinzon Cays),  
 NP-10 South Creek National Park, and S-25 Long Cay Sanctuary