



- Drop by the Visitor Center to enjoy:**
- Remember to bring your snorkel or dive gear.
  - Hiking shoes, a hat, sunscreen and drinking water are recommended.
  - Motorcycles, scooters and quads disturb wildlife, and are therefore not allowed in the park.
  - Pick-ups, vans, jeeps and vehicles with high ground clearance are suggested during the rainy season.
  - A 4x4 vehicle is not required.
  - Make sure your fuel tank is at least half full.
  - Make sure you have a spare tire in good condition.
  - Entering the park is at your own risk and through the main gate only.

- Planning your trip:**
- The park is open from 8am to 5pm. It is advised to come early.
  - Entry is \$45,- per adult, free for children under 12 years. For a \$25 nature tag holder entry is \$20, and \$45 dive tag holders may enter the park for free. In both cases it is required to show the written tag receipt and a picture ID.
  - Residents are required to show their local ID to obtain local rates.
  - All visitors must enter the park before 2:30pm.
  - Hikers to the Brandaris and cyclists should enter before noon to allow for plenty of time to exit the park.
  - Dives should commence prior to 2:30pm, allowing visitors time to leave the park by 5:00pm.
  - It is advised to leave Wayaka before 3:30pm and Slagbaai before 4:00pm to timely exit the park.
  - Following heavy rainfall, call ahead to check road conditions and accessibility: +599 7889015.

**Washington Slagbaai National Park is....**  
... an excellent opportunity to combine sports, recreational and educational activities. Here you will find something for everybody regardless of age and the level of adventure you seek.

**The possibilities include:**

## Park Regulations

Please read and follow these rules carefully. By doing so you help us to preserve the park's natural beauty and historic resources.

- Most of the roads are one way and the speed limit is 25 km/h.
- Vehicles are not allowed off road.
- No pets or plants can be brought into the park.
- Do not remove any animals or plants from the park.
- Weapons or any type of traps (including fishnets) are not allowed.
- Capturing, harassing, killing and/or disturbing any of the animals or plants is prohibited.
- Please refrain from feeding wildlife as it changes their natural behaviour and makes them more likely to harass visitors.
- Turn off your flash when taking pictures inside the caves. Flash photography is a hazard to wildlife.
- Trash bins are provided for you. Please make sure that nothing is left behind.
- Do not discard matches or cigarettes.
- Building fires, except in the public BBQ pits\*, is not permitted.
- Please use the toilets\* - use of other areas is not allowed.
- All salina's are Important Bird Areas\*, therefore entry is restricted.
- Please refrain from making loud noises or playing loud music, especially near the salt pans and salinas.
- Use of drones is prohibited.
- Generators are not allowed.
- Defacing any natural or man-made property is not allowed.

See map for locations\*

Please follow all directives and instructions given by the park staff. They are there to ensure your safety and enjoyment.

All the waters surrounding the park fall under the jurisdiction of Bonaire National Marine Park and their regulations are also in force.

In the park, vehicles are subject to search. Entrance fees are per calendar year and may be subject to change.

## STINAPA Bonaire is...

... the non-profit foundation that manages the Bonaire National Marine Park and the Washington Slagbaai National Park on behalf of the island government of Bonaire. It is dedicated to the conservation of Bonaire's natural and historical heritage through the sustainable use of its resources.

## Bonaire National Marine Park

The marine park extends from the high-water-mark to the 60 meter (200 feet) depth contour, encompassing the entire coast of Bonaire including Klein Bonaire and Lac. The marine park's area of 2,700 hectares (6,700 acres) is home to important and endangered species such as sea turtles, conch, and sharks as well as globally threatened ecosystems such as coral reef, sea grass, and mangroves.

## Washington Slagbaai National Park

Bonaire's terrestrial park is a 5,643-hectare (14,000 acres) nature sanctuary located in the northwest part of the island. It provides safe habitat for many important flora and fauna of Bonaire. Parrots, flamingos, parakeets, iguanas and many other species of birds and reptiles can be found in this sanctuary. The beaches inside the park are a nesting ground for globally endangered sea turtles.

## Nature and Environment Education

Aimed at reaching all levels of the community, STINAPA has developed a range of education and information programs. Each year many school children participate in STINAPA's educational programs. The more advanced youth program, 'STINAPA Junior Rangers', focuses on gaining knowledge, understanding and a sense of ownership of Bonaire's ecosystems while developing leadership and critical thinking skills.

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# WASHINGTON SLAGBAAI NATIONAL PARK

## MALMOK

Malmok is an important historical and geological site. Not only can you find geological evidence of past hurricanes and tsunamis, you may travel through time from the Amerindian camps in AD 800, to shipwrecks discovered since the 15th century, to the use of the area in more recent times. You may also admire the ruins of the 19th century Malmok lighthouse - which was built, but never lit.



Pos Mangel is an ideal spot for bird watching; this observation post has one of two springs on Bonaire where freshwater can be found year-round. In the early morning, birds come here to drink - you are likely to find the Tropical Mockingbird, Brown-crested Flycatcher, Eared Dove, and many more.



## PUT BRONSWINKEL

As the other one of two year-round, freshwater springs on Bonaire, Put Bronswinkel is also ideal for bird watching. You may find Bananaquits, Parrots, Flycatchers, the Pearly-eyed Thrasher, and many breeding birds and migrating birds (often song-birds). When you see the magnificent trees and greenery you will understand why this is a favorite hang-out spot for our feathery friends.



## BRANDARIS

At 241 m. (784ft), Mount Brandaris is the highest peak on Bonaire! Adventurers looking for a challenging and beautiful hiking trail, Brandaris provides one of the best vistas to see the landscape of Bonaire. Walking along the path surrounded by cacti and birds you will arrive at a wooden gate that marks the start of the trail. The gate is used to keep goats out of the park, so please remember to close it. Follow the trail and markers, it typically takes 30 to 60 minutes to reach the peak and its spectacular view. PLEASE NOTE:



To be able to exit the park before closing time, start the hike before noon.

*"Brandaris was an excellent climb! It was one of the highlights of my trip" - March 2016, Venezuela\**

## WAYAKA (1, 2 & 3)

Rated as one of the best snorkel sites of Washington Park, these spots are definitely worth a visit. Snorkeling out from the sandy beach you can see friendly French Angel fish, Midnight parrotfish and scenic reef channels. On the beach, you can catch some shade while exploring the small cave.



*"Nice snorkel spot and very easy to enter"*  
*"Beautiful coral"*  
*"Picturesque"*

## BOKA KOKOLISHI

This fairytale boka, or bay, is named for the beautiful Kokolishi shells that litter the sandy beach. The cliffs surrounding the bay are imbedded with fossilized conch shells. Descending down the steps to the bay itself, you will notice a calm, clear and picturesque shallow basin protected by half-moon pools from the deeper, rougher seaward side. This is an idyllic spot to picnic under a parasol and wade in the tide pools.

*"Mother nature at her finest. The waves pounding and tide moving in and out makes this a spectacular view" - May 2016, Canada\**



## SERU GRANDI

Seru Grandi is a magnificent display of Bonaire's geological history. You can see where ancient tsunamis heaved enormous boulders onto the flats, demonstrating the immense strength of the sea. The 58m (190ft.) high terrace mainly consists of limestone containing fossil remnants of coral reefs lifted out of the sea over millennia. The higher terrace is over a million years old, and the middle terrace is about 210,000 years old. A horizontal line in the rocks divides the terraces, and is an impressive demonstration of where sealevel was before the island rose due to tectonic plate action. Combine your visit to Seru Grandi with a pit-stop at these three attractions: Seru Bentana - "Window Hill", Kara Kora - "Red Face", and Suplado - a blowhole that's particularly impressive when the surf is high.

*"The landscape around there is positively lunar" - March 2016, Venezuela\**



## PLAYA CHIKITU

Playa Chikitu is a gorgeous white sand beach. Strong waves and winds have created beautiful sand dunes, the only ones on Bonaire. The beach is a popular sea turtle nesting ground. Although it's not recommended to go snorkeling or swimming due to strong currents and lack of corals, it is a perfect place for sunbathing and wading.

*"The waves are violent, but the nature is very beautiful" - Sept. 2016, Brazil\**



## BOKA & SALINA SLAGBAAI

Boka Slagbaai and the adjacent Salina Slagbaai host numerous activities from bird watching, snorkeling, to cliff jumping. The boka, or bay, used to be one of Bonaire's two main ports. The name Slagbaai is derived from "Slachtbaai", which is Dutch for "slaughter bay" as goats used to be slaughtered and salted next to the bay before being exported to Curaçao. Luckily for goats, the old port buildings are now used as a shaded picnic area. Historically, Salina Slagbaai was used as a salt pan, nowadays it is an excellent place for watching flamingos and other waterbirds such as the Royal Tern.

*"We went back a second time just to get to this spot on [my kids' request]" - July 2016, USA\**



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*\*Quotes from TripAdvisor*