

PETERSON CAY national park

One mile off the southern shore of Grand Bahama lies 1-1/2 acre Peterson Cay, one of the smallest National Parks in The Bahamas. Protected park area includes the cay as well as the surrounding one-quarter mile of marine environment.

In 1959 The Bahamas National Trust was created by Act of Parliament as a non-profit, non-governmental organization charged with the conservation of natural resources and preservation of places of historic interest. The Trust manages Peterson Cay National Park and all other national parks on The Bahamas.

Shallow bars and coral reefs, especially west of the cay, make for excellent snorkeling and diving. Amongst coral heads and sunken rocks swimmers are able to observe schools of tropical fish, elk horn and soft corals, sea fans and an occasional manta ray or barracuda.

Sparsely vegetated with low scrubs, this windswept limestone island is the only cay on Grand Bahama's leeward shore. Shady areas are source and visitors are advised to wear hats, sunscreen and bring drinking water. A sandy white beach on the north side provides boat access and is excellent for swimming and sunbathing. Peterson Cay is a perfect getaway spot for picnics a relaxation.

GETTING there

Access to Peterson Cay National Park is by boat only. Boaters must use care and anchor only in sandy areas away from coral reefs.

PARK rules

All plant and animal life within the park boundaries are protected by law. Fishing, shelling, and damage to or removal of any coral or plan life – live or dead – is strictly prohibited.

Disposal or leaving of waste, garbage, litter, sewage, ash corals or embers within the park boundaries is not permitted.

Please remember to take nothing but pictures, and leave only footprints.

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