

Visitor's Guide

Welcome

Welcome to Green Mountain National Park. The National Park covers much of the south-eastern section of the Island, located between Two Boats, Mountain Red Hill, Devil's Ashpit and Weather Post as shown on the map opposite. The Park is home to a wide variety of the Island's wildlife, including landcrabs, Fairy terns and red necked francolins. It also host to an abundance of plants, many of which have been introduced. There are however five species of endemic plants which still naturally occur on Green Mountain. These are being propagated in the nurseries.

Green Mountain also offers a great deal of historical interest, with evidence of past schemes ranging from the Norfolk Island Pines, planted to provide timber for sailing ship masts, to the 300m-long tunnel, dug in the 1830s to enable water to be pumped through the mountain. Linking these features together is a network of historic paths, which provide superb panoramic views of the island.

The Park also offers a welcome respite from the hot climate common to the rest of Ascension. There are numerous picnic tables and a children's play area adjacent to Red Lion, making Green Mountain National Park an ideal place to relax and appreciate the beauty of the island.

Enjoy your visit!



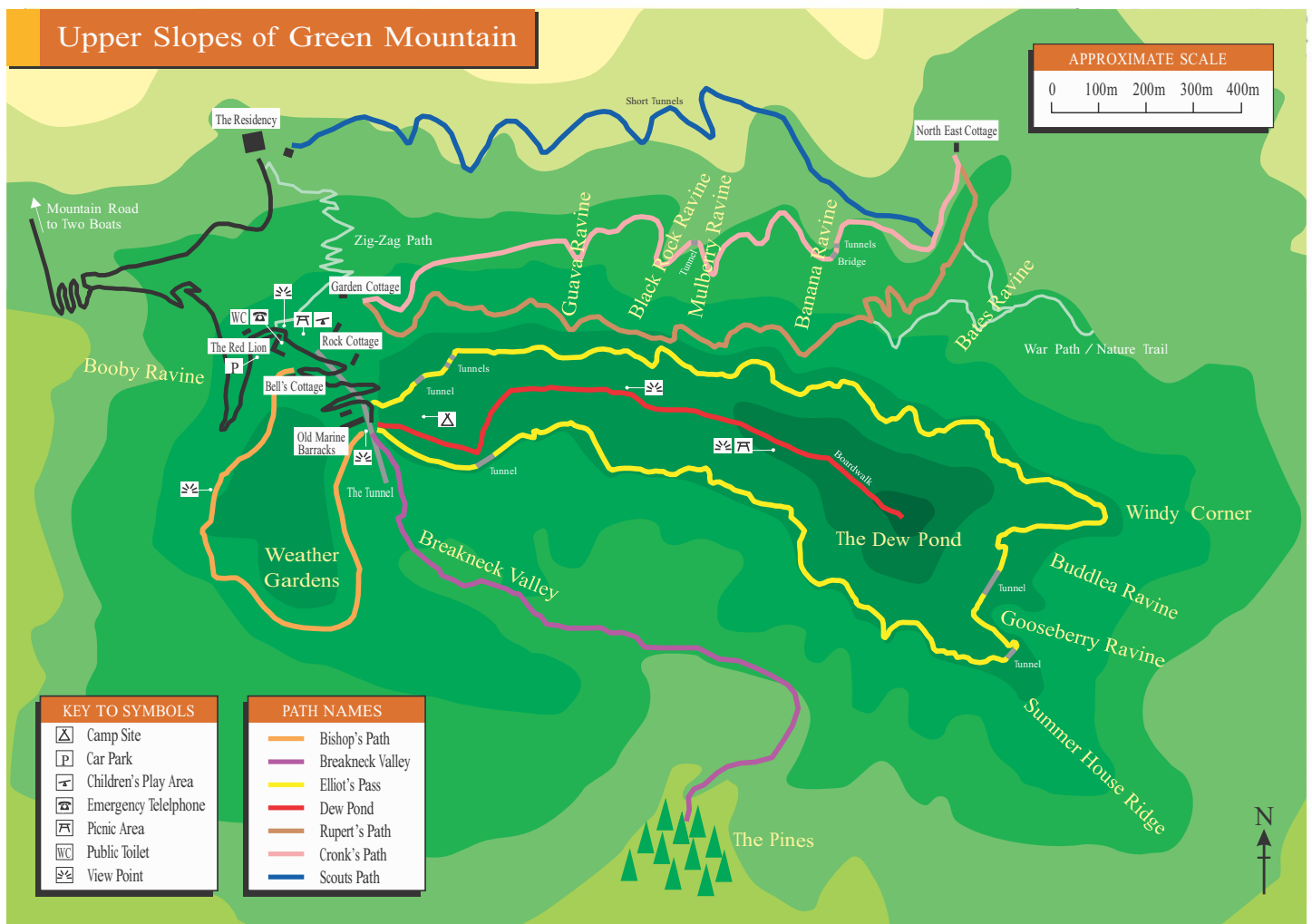
Further Information

Further information on plants and wildlife, the history of Green Mountain and walks along its paths is provided in separate leaflets available from the Conservation Centre in Georgetown and the information building located at the park entrance.

Advice for Visitors

- ≡ Keep to the officially designated paths shown on the map overleaf.
- ≡ Inform others of your intended route and expected time of return.
- ≡ Do not walk unaccompanied. Those unfamiliar with the local environment are recommended to join a guided walk - please enquire at the Conservation Centre.
- ≡ Beware of the dangers of over-exposure. Apply high-factor sunscreen, wear suitable clothing including a hat and carry plenty of water.
- ≡ Wear sturdy footwear with adequate ankle support and high-grip soles.
- ≡ Beware of steep slopes and outcrops and take care on bridges and walkways.
- ≡ Please note that a number of paths pass through unlit tunnels of varying lengths (see map overleaf) for which a torch is required.
- ≡ Beware of prickly and sharp vegetation and also disused fence posts and barbed wire.
- ≡ Camp only in designated campsites.
- ≡ Do not light fires in unauthorised areas.
- ≡ Discard smoking materials appropriately.
- ≡ Take a basic first aid kit with you.
- ≡ The Emergency Telephone is at the Red Lion.
- ≡ Observe the Code of Conduct at all times.

Upper Slopes of Green Mountain



Code of Conduct

- + Be safe - plan ahead and follow any signs
- + Leave gates and property as you find them
- + Protect plants and animals
- + Do not create fire hazards
- + Take your litter home
- + Keep dogs under close control
- + Consider other people
- + Only park vehicles in designated areas
- + Enjoy and appreciate the environment



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