

Santa Cruz Island Preserve Landing Permit Requirements

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The Nature Conservancy

Attention: Santa Cruz Island Landing Permit Program

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NOTE: SANTA CRUZ ISLAND IS PRIVATE PROPERTY. A LANDING PERMIT IS REQUIRED BEFORE ENTRY. EXTREME CAUTION IS ADVISED ASHORE AND BEING ASHORE IS AT YOUR OWN RISK. UNMARKED HAZARDS MAY EXIST. PEOPLE HAVE FALLEN FROM CLIFFS AND BEEN INJURED OR KILLED. BEWARE OF ANIMAL TRAILS IN STEEP AND UNSAFE AREAS. NO RESCUE OR OTHER SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE.

The Permit Holder will be permitted to land, and remain during daylight hours only, on that part of Santa Cruz Island, in Santa Barbara County, in the State of California (the "Island") which is owned by The Nature Conservancy, a District of Columbia nonprofit corporation ("TNC"). The permit covers any crew or passengers of the Boat, but it may not be transferred to any other boat, or to any passenger(s) on any other boat. Refer to map (below) showing where the permit is valid.

SANTA CRUZ ISLAND IS A REMOTE AND UNDEVELOPED WILDERNESS AREA. BY ENTERING, YOU ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR RECOGNITION OF THE DANGERS AND YOU ASSUME THE ASSOCIATED RISKS. THE DANGERS WHICH YOU MAY ENCOUNTER TRAVELING TO OR ON SANTA CRUZ ISLAND INCLUDE (BY WAY OF EXAMPLE ONLY, AND WITHOUT LIMITATION): Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome, wild animals (such as feral pigs), slippery rocks and soils, sea sickness, boating accidents, high surf, strong ocean currents, steep cliffs, cactus, poison oak, stinging nettles, falling branches, non-potable water, yellow jackets, bees, ticks, mice and other rodents carrying certain diseases, marine animals, harsh and quickly changing weather conditions, risks of landslides or other earth movement, and rugged road conditions. If you or any one from the Boat becomes ill or injured, the Island is without communications and remote from medical care and emergency transportation to medical facilities.

YOU ARE ALSO ADVISED THAT DANGEROUS HUMAN ACTIVITIES OCCUR ON THE ISLAND, including (by way of example only and without limitation) prescribed burns of land, discharge of weapons, off road and other vehicles and use of aircraft and helicopters. These hazards occur in unmarked areas and without warning. Please **WATCH, LOOK AND LISTEN FOR HAZARDS**.

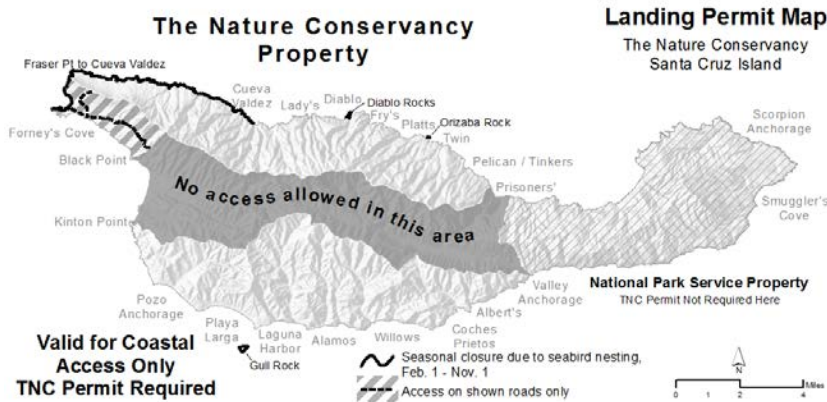
Permit Holder agrees that he/she is responsible for his/her conduct, welfare, and safety and for the conduct, welfare, and safety of all persons from the Boat, and further agrees that he/she and all persons on the Boat will each:

- (1) read the Landing Permit and the warnings it contains;
- (2) read, sign, and return to TNC (at the address given at the beginning of this permit), in each case prior to the person entering TNC's property on the Island, a release which is found linked on the Landing Permit (the "Release Form"), and be given by Permit Holder a copy of the rules attached to the Release Form to keep (additional copies of the Release Form can be obtained at www.nature.org/cruzpermit or from TNC at the above address); and
- (3) read and obey (at all times while visiting the Island) the general rules for use of the Island which are listed below and attached to the Release Form, as well as the following additional rules:
 - **Hiking into or in the central valley of the Island (as depicted below) is not allowed; this includes the canyon road (Canada del Puerto) to the south of Prisoners' Harbor.**
 - **Access to the Christy Beach area is not allowed.**
 - **No access is allowed from Feb 1 to Nov 1 in any of the coastal areas depicted in dark black on the map below (including Diablo Rock, Orizabo Rock and Gull Rock) due to seasonal closures for seabird nesting.**
 - **While on the Island, the permit holder and all members of the permit holder's party, when separated from the Permit Holder, must carry a copy of this permit and show it to TNC staff if requested.**
 - **Landing permits are issued to one applicant only for a single boat with a maximum group size of ten persons.**
 - **TNC reserves the right to refuse a permit to anyone and to revoke a permit at any time, and if a permit is revoked due to a violation of the permit terms by the permit holder, there will be no refund of any permit or processing fees.**

Note: A landing permit is not valid until it has been signed on behalf of TNC and a copy has been returned to the permit holder, with an original TNC signature.

We hope you enjoy your visit to the Island. The cooperation of all visitors is necessary to maintain the Island in its natural condition. We would appreciate receiving the names and numbers of boats carrying persons who violate any of the rules or regulations for the Island.

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The Santa Cruz Island Preserve of The Nature Conservancy was established through the generosity of the late Dr. Cary Stanton and is dedicated to the preservation of the unique natural and cultural resources found on the Island. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping preserve this Island for present and future generations.

Schedule 1
Rules for Use of the SCI Preserve

The SCI Preserve is very remote and undeveloped, with few if any safety or communications facilities available to visitors. The SCI Preserve is an ecological reserve, used for research, academic studies, and resource management. There are a wide array of plants and animals at the SCI Preserve, some of which are not found elsewhere and may be unique in the world, so the introduction of other animals, diseases, insects, plants, etc., could be extremely detrimental to the flora and fauna at the SCI Preserve. The following rules have therefore been promulgated by TNC for the SCI Preserve:

Prohibited Items. The following are not allowed to be brought onto the SCI Preserve:

- (1) animals or pets of any kind (including, but not limited to, cats and dogs, and companion or research animals);
- (2) plants, seeds, cut flowers, or bulbs;
- (3) previously used planters or pots (whether of clay, ceramic, plastic, or other material);
- (4) potting soil (“soil-less” potting mix, such as Sun-Gro Sunshine Mix #4, is permitted if in original packaging with no tears or holes);
- (5) unprocessed wood, wood with bark, wood crates or planters;
- (6) cardboard boxes (clean plastic containers are permitted, as are new items in original cardboard packing boxes from manufacturer, if inspected by TNC and found to be clean of insect “hitchhikers”);
- (7) firearms or other weapons;
- (8) fireworks; or
- (9) mountain bikes or other vehicles of any kind (motorized or non-motorized).

Restricted Activities:

1. No smoking or building of fires of any type is allowed at the SCI Preserve for any reason, due to fire danger.
2. No cooking is allowed at the SCI Preserve outside of designated TNC facilities, although the consumption of previously prepared food and drinks is allowed at the SCI Preserve, provided that all trash resulting from such activity is completely removed from the SCI Preserve (and then disposed of properly elsewhere).
3. No camping is allowed anywhere at the SCI Preserve, no sleeping bags or other camping equipment is allowed to be brought to or used at the SCI Preserve, and no erection of any tents or other structures is allowed at the SCI Preserve, whether they are temporary or otherwise.
4. No collecting, trapping, killing, harming or molestation of any animals at the SCI Preserve, or any fish or other animals in any waters at or adjoining the SCI Preserve, is allowed.
5. No cutting down, injury, collection, or other disturbance of any trees or other plants or vegetation is allowed at the SCI Preserve, whether or not the plants are living or dead.
6. No souvenirs or specimens of anything found at the SCI Preserve may be collected, disturbed or taken from the SCI Preserve, nor is any digging in any Indian mounds or other architectural remains located at the SCI Preserve allowed.
7. No entry into buildings or other structures at the SCI Preserve or other interference with the activities of any tenants, researchers, or others carrying out permitted activities at the SCI Preserve is allowed.
8. No still, video, digital, or other form of photography or imaging of or in any TNC facilities is permitted at any time, whether for private or commercial use. Photography of plants, animals, and natural conditions outside of TNC facilities for personal use is permitted, but no publishing or other use of the results of such photography, or of any other data of any kind collected at or from the SCI Preserve, is allowed for commercial purposes, and all images made at or from the SCI Preserve which are used or transmitted in a manner such that they can be downloaded or obtained by others must be used or transmitted with appropriate restrictions which prohibit the commercial use of the images.
9. No item(s) brought to the SCI Preserve are allowed to be left at or adjoining the SCI Preserve, including (but not limited to) garbage or food.

Please inspect your personal gear (e.g. packs, shoes) and clean off dirt, seeds and insects before arriving on the Island.