

**NATIONAL PARKS ORDER – SECTION 3**

*(Legal Notices 40 of 1992, 35 of 1995 and 3 of 2006)*

*Made by the Governor under section 3 of the National Parks Ordinance*

**Commencement**

*[7 August 1992]*

**Short title**

1. This Order may be cited as the National Parks Order.

**Formation of national parks**

2. The areas named and described in the first column of Part I of the Schedule are declared to be national parks for the protection or promotion of the corresponding features of interest specified in the second column.

**Formation of nature reserves**

3. The areas named and described in the first column of Part II of the Schedule are declared to be nature reserves for the protection or promotion of the corresponding features of interest specified in the second column.

**Formation of sanctuaries**

4. The areas named and described in the first column of Part III of the Schedule are declared to be sanctuaries for the protection or promotion of the corresponding features of interest specified in the second column.

**Formation of areas of historical interest**

5. The areas named and described in the first column of Part IV of the Schedule are declared to be areas of historical interest for the protection or promotion of the corresponding features of historical interest specified in the second column.

**Site plans**

6. (1) The areas described in the Schedule are delimited on site plans designated NP 1–11, NR 12–22, S 23–26 and HA 27–33, that may be inspected at the offices of the Department of Environment, Heritage and Parks during normal working hours.

(2) In a case of inconsistency between the description of an area in the Schedule and its delimitation on a site plan, the former shall prevail for all purposes of interpretation.

**SCHEDULE**

PART I

**NATIONAL PARKS**

Name and Area	Features of Interest
<p>1. <b><i>Admiral Cockburn Land and Sea National Park:</i></b>                      An area of 1185 acres in South Caicos bounded by a straight line from High Point to the reef wall at grid reference BP 410 779, the reef wall to BP 337 740 including a straight line across Big Cut connecting the reef wall on both sides, a straight line to the south point on Long Cay, the high water mark along the north side of Long Cay, a straight line from the north - east tip of Long Cay to South Caicos at BP 380 780, the western, northern and western boundaries of Crown land comprising parcels 20309/1 and 2 to the high water mark at BP 382 779 on Girl's Bay, and the high water mark to the starting point at High Point. Grid references are to sheet 12 Series E8112 (DOS 309P) Edition 2-OSD 1985.  <i>Site Plan NP1.</i></p>	<p>Excellent wall diving and representative coral reef ecosystems</p>
<p>2. <b><i>Chalk Sound National Park:</i></b>                      An area of 3607 acres in Providenciales bounded by common boundary with Frenchman's Creek Sanctuary from grid reference YV 769 118 to YV 778 083 (Ref. points YV 765 117, YV 763 111, YV 761 111, YV 758 103, YV 757 097, YV 757 092, YV 765 095, YV 777 086, YV 778 083). A straight line to YV 783 081, the shoreline of Silly Creek and Chalk Sound to YV 818 079, the west side of the South Dock main road to YV 824 091, a track leading to Chalk Sound to YV 810 095, along the shore of Chalk Sound to YV 794 107, a straight line to YV 795 109 and a line roughly parallel to and at a distance of about 600 ft from the shoreline of Chalk Sound to the starting point. Grid references are to sheet 2 Series EB112 (DOS 309P) Edition 2-OSD 1985.  <i>Site Plan NP2.</i></p>	<p>Scenic water; bonefish; boating; picnic area</p>
<p>3. <b><i>Columbus Landfall Marine National Park:</i></b>                      An area of 1280 acres in Grand Turk comprising the area of sea from high water mark to the reef wall; a straight line from the North Creek entrance to BP 782 800, along the edge of the</p>	<p>Excellent wall diving</p>

reef wall to BP 773 704, a straight line to Booby Rock Point, along the high water mark to the starting point save for the area within the following coordinates—

starting from a point on the shore with X coordinate 277560.11 and Y coordinate 2370976.57 by a straight line to a northern point X coordinate 277201.31 and Y coordinate 2371172.40 by a straight line southward to X coordinate 277271.87 and Y coordinate 2370802.16 by a straight line southeastward to the shore at X coordinate 277700.56 and Y coordinate 2370495.72 along the high water mark to the starting point.

Grid references are to sheet 14 Series E8112 (DOS 309P) Edition 2-OSD 1985.

*Site Plan NP3. (Amended by L.N. 3 / 2006)*

4. ***Conch Bar Caves National Park:***

An area of 235 acres in Middle Caicos bounded in the north by the high water mark and in the east by a line connecting grid reference BQ 120 167, BQ 120 162, BQ 119 161, BQ 119 158, to the south by the main road and to the west by east road, a line connecting grid reference BQ 107 162, BQ 108 162, BQ 108 164 and the south and east side of a 40 feet wide road reserve and back to the starting point (Grid references are to sheet 7 Series E8112 (DOS 309P) Edition 2-OSD 1984. *Site Plan NP4.*

Extensive underground cave system containing large subterranean lagoons and bat colonies; once mined by slaves for guano

5. ***East Bay Islands National Park:***

An area of 8746 acres in North Caicos comprising Bay, Conch, High and Major Hill Cays and bounded by a line from grid reference AQ 992 289 at North Mouth to AQ 994 292, AQ 999 292, BQ 019 277, BQ 033 261, BQ 039 204, BQ 031 188, BQ 020 193, AQ 999 222, AQ 995 231, AQ 994 241, AQ 997 261, AQ 983 265, the middle of the channel between Major Hill Cay and the mainland, AQ 986 289, AQ 987 291 and to the starting point. Grid references are to sheet 5 Series E8112 (DOS 309P) Edition 2-OSD 1985. *Site Plan NP5.*

Scenic islands and favourite picnic area

6. **Fort George Land and Sea National Park:**

Comprising an area of 1220 acres north of Pine Cay bounded on the south-east side by a line some 500 feet from Grouper Cay from grid reference ZV 029 232 to ZV 023 221, on the south-west side by the northern edge of a channel to YV 991 231, a straight line to the reef wall at YV 984 243, along the reef wall to YV 995 254, a straight line to ZV 003 242, along the Fort George cut via straight lines to ZV 010 238, ZV 014 236, ZV 018 237, ZV 029 234, and back to the start. Grid references are to sheet 4 Series E8112 (DOS 309P) Edition 2-OSD 1984.

*Site Plan NP6.*

Dive and picnic sites; 1798 English Fort, shipwreck, cannons in shallow water, iguanas ospreys and wading birds

7. **Grand Turk Cays Land and Sea National Park:**

An area of 386 acres south-east of Grand Turk comprising the whole land area of Gibbs, Penniston and Martin Alonza Pinzon Cays off Grand Turk and the surrounding 400 ft of sea in each case.

*Site Plan NP7.*

Shallow dive sites, bird and fish nurseries, day outings and picnics

8. **North West Point Marine National Park:**

An area of 2535 acres in Providenciales bounded by the north-west side of Wheeland Cut from the high water mark at grid reference YV 769 188 to the reef wall, along the reef wall to a point at grid reference YV 763 225, along the reef wall to grid reference YV 731 134 approximately north-west of Wiley Point, to Wiley Point; and along the high water mark to the starting point. Grid references are to sheet 2 Series E8112 (DOS 309P) Edition 2-OSD 1985.

*Site Plan NP8.*

Best wall diving off Providenciales

9. *Princess Alexandra Land and Sea National Park:*

An area of 6532 acres in Providenciales bounded by a line taken due north of Blue Mountain (C42) from the high water mark to the reef wall, along the reef wall to a point approximately due north of the most westerly point of Water Cay, approximately due south to a point some 1000 ft away from the most westerly point of Water Cay, east 500 ft along the southern coast of Water Cay to YV 972 177 a straight line south to YV 962 150 along the shoreline of Mangrove Cay to Leeward-Going-Through Point, along the high water mark to the starting point. Grid references are to sheet 3 Series E8112 (DOS 309P) Edition 2-OSD 1985.

*Site Plan NP9.*

Dive and picnic excursions, iguanas, ospreys, mangroves and marine life

10. *South Creek National Park:*

An area of 183 acres in Grand Turk bounded by a line across the mouth of South Creek extending along the coast to the north of Materson's Point, along the northern boundary of Parcel 10411/4 and the western boundary of Parcel 10411/3 until this meets a wall, in a south-westerly direction along the wall to the south side of the road to Materson's Point, along the south side of this road in a westerly direction until its junction with a track, leading to the eastern end of Grand Turk Airport, along the east side of this track around the end of the runway to the canal leading from Hawks Pond Salina to South Creek. Around the Crown land holdings 10505/5 and 6 comprising mangroves and wetlands following the west side of the track ending at South Creek; then in an easterly direction to the starting point and excluding Parcel 10410/3 Eves Hill which is in private ownership.

*Site Plan NP10.*

Wetlands, mangroves, view-point, tourist destination, picnic areas and small boat activities and harbourage

11. ***West Caicos Marine National Park:*** Excellent wall diving
- An area of 980 acres in West Caicos comprising an area from the high water mark at Logwood Point, a straight line to YV 640 030 and YV 627 030, along the reef wall south of Yankee Town to YU 615 964, a straight line to the high water mark at YU 618 963, north along the high water mark to the starting point. Grid references are to sheet 1 Series E8112 (DOS 309P) Edition 2-OSD 1984.
- Site Plan NP11*

## PART II

## NATURE RESERVES

Name and Area	Features of Interests
<p>12. <b><i>Admiral Cockburn Nature Reserve (Long Cay, Six Hill Cays, Middleton Cay):</i></b></p> <p>An area of 1065 acres in South Caicos comprising the land area of Long Cay, the land area of Six Hill Cays and Middleton Cays and the surrounding 400 ft of sea.</p> <p><i>Site Plan NR12.</i></p>	<p>Important for rare rock iguana and breeding terns and frigate birds</p>
<p>13. <b><i>Bell Sound Nature Reserve:</i></b></p> <p>An area of 2820 acres in South Caicos bounded by a line connecting grid reference BP 369 849, BP 402 849 and BP 402 848, the high water mark to BP 379 823 and straight lines to BP 369 823 and back to the starting point. Grid references are to sheet 12 Series E8112 (DOS 309P) Edition 2-OSD 1985.</p> <p><i>Site Plan NR13.</i></p>	<p>Bonefish reserve</p>
<p>14. <b><i>Cottage Pond Nature Reserve:</i></b></p> <p>An area of 20 acres in North Caicos bounded by straight lines connecting ZV 099 285, ZV 099 281 and AQ 901 281, along the 25 ft contour to the road to Sandy Point at AQ 903 284 and back along the road to the starting point. Grid references are to sheet 4 Series E8112 (DOS 309P) Edition 2-OSD 1984 and sheet 5 Series E8112 (DOS 309P) Edition 2-OSD 1985.</p> <p><i>Site Plan NR14.</i></p>	<p>Bird nesting</p>

15. ***Dick Hill Creek and Bellefield Landing Pond Nature Reserve:*** Bird nesting
- An area of 975 acres in North Caicos bounded by a straight line from ZV 067 266 on the eastern edge of Dick Hill Creek to ZV 068 266, a straight line to ZV 068 253 on the north side of the Bellefield Landing Road, along the north side of this road to ZV 065 252, the north side of a track to ZV 057 256, a straight line to ZV 056 258, a straight line to ZV 053 272, following the edge of the hard ground around Dick Hill Creek back to the starting point. Grid references are to sheet 4 Series E8112 (DOS 309P) Edition 2-OSD 1984.
- Site Plan NR15.*
16. ***Lake Catherine Nature Reserve:*** Area of scenic value and of interest to naturalists; large hyposaline lake supporting abundant pink bivalve molluscs and black mussels; habitat of sea turtles and bird life including flamingoes, with old causeway and small islands offering bird nesting sites
- An area of 968 acres in West Caicos bounded by a straight line connecting grid reference points YU 639 998, YU 627 994, YU 622 967, YU 624 955, YU 627 952 and YU 629 952 and by a curved line roughly parallel to and at a distance of 500 feet from the east shore of Lake Catherine connecting reference points YU 629 952 and YU 639 998. Grid references are to sheet 1 Series E8112 (DOS 309P) Edition 2-OSD 1984
- Site Plan NR16.*
17. ***North, Middle and East Caicos Nature Reserve (International Ramsar Site):*** A wetland site of international importance containing a variety of habitat types representative of the region. Noteworthy individual sites within the park include the Mally Pond Slough, Sawgrass Pond and Flamingo Pond wet-land area which contains excellent natural mangrove swamp, rich and varied fauna and diverse bird life, the unique Ocean Hole off Middle Caicos, believed to contain diverse and unusual fauna; the Arm-strong and Big Ponds areas of Middle Caicos, the former area including numerous Arawak village sites, and the Iguana Cay and Flamingo Pond area on and close to East Caicos. The whole area is a particularly good example of coastal wetland habitat
- An area of 210 square miles bounded by straight lines connecting grid references ZV 050 230, ZV 090 250 and AQ 936 260; the edge of the hard ground; a straight line connecting AQ 936 260 and AQ 934 262; the 25 foot contour, the Kew/Whitby Road; a straight line connecting AQ 911 279 and AQ 935 276; the edge of the hard ground (including Mally Pond Slough and Whitby Bight); straight line connecting AQ 942 298, AQ 945 306 and AQ 947 305; the edge of the hard ground; a straight line connecting AQ 951 296 and AQ 958 296; the edge of the hard ground; a straight line connecting BQ 028 162 and BQ 080 150; the edge of the hard ground (including Flamingo Pond); straight lines connecting BQ 160 140, BQ 165 132, BQ 167 137, BQ 175 138; BQ 176 137, BQ 182 127, BQ 188 128; the shoreline of Armstrong Pond; a straight line between BQ 186 115 and BQ 187 111; the edge of the hard ground; a straight line between

BQ 268 060 and BQ 286 071 the centre line of the channel between Joe Grants Cay and East Caicos; a straight line connecting BQ 305 090 and BQ 330 085; the reef wall, a straight line connecting BQ 371 056 and BQ 364 045; the north-east side of a track; a straight line connecting BQ 323 075 and BQ 322 078; the edge of the hard ground; and straight lines connecting BQ 330 040, BP 260 960, BQ 050 020, ZV 050 180 and ZV 050 230.

Grid references are to sheets 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 Series E8112 (DOS 309P) Edition 2-OSD 1984.

*Site Plan NR17.*

18. ***North West Point Pond Nature Reserve:***

An area of 150 acres in Providenciales bounded by the north-east edge of the wetland (coinciding with the south-west boundary of Parcels 60601/1 and 4) from the high water mark at Little Bay to a track at grid reference YV 763 182, the aforementioned track to YV 762 182, an irregular line approximately parallel to and 100 feet from the edge of the wetland to the high water mark, and the high water mark to the starting point at Little Bay. Grid references are to sheet 2 Series E8112 (DOS 309P) Edition 2-OSD 1985.

*Site Plan NR18.*

19. ***Pigeon Pond and Frenchman's Creek Nature Reserve:***

An area of 5910 acres in Providenciales including Pigeon Pond and the area of mud flats to the south and south-west known as Frenchman's Creek adjoining Chalk Sound and North-West Point Marine Parks. Comprising an area bounded by a straight line from grid reference point YV 759 158 to YV 746 149; the high water mark to Wiley Point (the common boundary with the North-West Point Marine Park); a straight line from Wiley Point through the extremity of Bonefish Point to YV 733 076; a straight line to YV 739 070, a straight line to the extremity of West Harbour Bluff, the high water mark along Proggin' Bay to YV 778 083, the common boundary with the Chalk Sound National Park to YV 769 118 (Reference points YV 777 086, YV 765 095, YV 757 092, YV 757 097, YV 758 103, YV 761 111, YV 763 111, YV 765 117), a straight line to YV 770 128, the 25 foot contour to

in the Caribbean region. It regularly supports 10% of the individuals in a population of one species of waterfowl (on Sawgrass Pond, the threatened West Indian Whistling Duck) it has special value as the habitat of animals at a critical stage of their biological cycles (submerged banks, creeks and lagoons used by endangered turtles and commercial fish species for feeding).

A prime example of red mangrove lagoon habitat with an abundance and diversity of lagoon fauna, serving as a nursery and food source for the neighbouring waters; an important feeding area for migrant wading birds and breeding area for locally common waterfowl species

Wetland birds; West Harbour Bluff rock carvings

starting point at YV 759 158. Grid references are to sheet 2 Series E8112 (DOS 309P) Edition 2-OSD 1985.

*Site Plan NR19.*

20. ***Princess Alexandra Nature Reserve:*** Picnic excursions, iguanas, ospreys and mangroves  
An area of 450 acres in Providenciales comprising the entire land area of Little Water, Mangrove and Donna Cays.  
*Site Plan NR20.*
21. ***Pumpkin Bluff Pond Nature Reserve:*** Bird nesting  
An area of 427 acres in North Caicos comprising the entire area of Pumpkin Bluff Pond to the edge of hard ground, lying within the area bounded by grid references ZV 086 306, ZV 096 294 and AQ 913 312. Grid references are to sheet 4 Series E8112 (DOS 309P) Edition 2-OSD 1984 and sheet 5 Series E8112 (DOS 309P) Edition 2-OSD 1985.  
*Site Plan NR21.*
22. ***Vine Point (Man O' War Bush) and Ocean Hole Nature Reserve:*** Frigate bird nesting area, and 220 feet deep by 1200 feet wide hole in 3 feet shallow sand bottom  
An area of 1870 acres in Middle Caicos bounded by a line connecting the following grid references BQ 054 046, BQ 043 034, BQ 060 018, BQ 099 044, BQ 092 051, BQ 066 035 and to the starting point. Grid references are to sheets 6 and 8 Series E8112 (DOS 309P) Edition 2-OSD 1984.  
*Site Plan NR22.*
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PART III  
SANCTUARIES

Name and Area	Features of Interest
<p>23. <b><i>Big Sand Cay Sanctuary:</i></b> An area of 372 acres south of Salt Cay comprising the entire island of Big Sand Cay and nearby islets, including Little Sand Cay and the surrounding 400 ft of sea. <i>Site Plan S23.</i></p>	Nesting birds and turtles
<p>24. <b><i>French, Bush and Seal Cays Sanctuary:</i></b> An area of 50 acres comprising the entire land area of French Cay (south of West Caicos), Bush Cay and the Seal Cays (both south of South Caicos) on the south side of the Caicos Bank. <i>Site Plan S24.</i></p>	Nesting terns and frigate birds
<p>25. <b><i>Long Cay Sanctuary:</i></b> An area of 198 acres south-east of Grand Turk comprising the total land area of Long Cay and nearby islets and the surrounding 400 ft of sea. <i>Site Plan S25.</i></p>	Nesting terns; flora; iguanas
<p>26. <b><i>Three Mary Cays Sanctuary:</i></b> An area of 33 acres in North Caicos comprising the total area of Three Mary Cays and the surrounding 400 ft of sea up to 50 ft seaward of the low water mark of the north coast of North Caicos. <i>Site Plan S26.</i></p>	Osprey nest site

PART IV

AREAS OF HISTORICAL INTEREST

Name and Area	Features of Interest
<p>27. <b><i>Boiling Hole Area of Historical Interest:</i></b> An area of 118 acres in South Caicos comprising an area bounded by Cockburn Harbour to Highlands Road from BP 380 784 to BP 387 786, straight lines connecting to BP 385 790, BP 386 792 and BP 380 792, following the edge of the Salina south to Cockburn Harbour Highlands Road. Grid references are to sheet 12 Series E8112 (DOS 309P) Edition 2-OSD 1985. <i>Site Plan HA27.</i></p>	Salinas
<p>28. <b><i>Cheshire Hall Area of Historical Interest:</i></b> An area of 1 acre in Providenciales comprising the ruins and surroundings contained within and including the site wall, located south of Leeward Highway approximately one quarter of a mile east of the junction with the Blue Hills Road bounded by a line connecting the following Grid references (784E, 241ON) 077 784, 071 907, 205 897, 196 802. Grid references are to map of scale 1:1250 <i>Site Plan HA28.</i></p>	Ruins of 1790's Plantation House and outbuildings
<p>29. <b><i>Fort George Area of Historical Interest:</i></b> An area of 1 acre on Fort George Cay (between Providenciales and North Caicos) at the north-west point of the cay. Grid reference ZV 002 238. Grid reference is to sheet 4 Series E8112 (DOS 309P) Edition 2-OSD 1984. <i>Site Plan HA29.</i></p>	1798 English Fort
<p>30. <b><i>H.M.S. Endymion Wreck Area of Historical Interest:</i></b> An area of 6.5 acres to the south of Great Sand Cay comprising the site of the wreck and the entire area within 100 yards of the wreck. <i>Site Plan HA30.</i></p>	18th century ship-wreck in shallow water
<p>31. <b><i>Molasses Reef Wreck Area of Historical Interest:</i></b> An area of 1 acre south-east of West Caicos comprising the site of the wreck and the area around it designated as a restricted area. <i>Site Plan HA31.</i></p>	Site of the oldest known wreck in the western hemisphere

32. *Salt Cay Area of Historical Interest:*

An area of 435 acres in Salt Cay comprising Town Salinas and the Waterfront from North District at Grid reference BP 706 604 to South District at Grid reference BP 701 591, Grey Salina and surroundings of Old Whaling Station from Long Bay Point at Grid reference BP 727 602 to BP 732 607, including Whale Island and Whale House Bay. Grid references are to sheet 15 Series E8112 (DOS 309P) Edition 2-OSD 1985.

*Site Plan HA32.*

Salt works, historical buildings including brown and white houses, site of whaling station

33. *Sapodilla Hill Area of Historical Interest:*

An area of 0.29 acres in Providenciales comprising the area of Sapodilla Hill within the 70 feet contour line.

*Site Plan HA33.*

Rock carving by shipwrecked sailors