

There are special rules and regulations that apply as follows at certain sites within the Réserve Naturelle :

- Activities Prohibited or Regulated -

SITES	PARTIE TERRESTRE	PARTIE MARINE
Rocher Créole	Prohibited : Debarking Climbing Bivouac or fires Use of motorized vehicles	Prohibited : Unauthorized mooring Mooring after 9pm Circulation outside of access channel Non-commercial deep-sea diving
Baie de Petites Cayes	Prohibited : Use of motorized vehicles Bivouac or fires	Prohibited : Unauthorized and nighttime mooring
Île Tintamarc	Prohibited : Removal of clay Disembarking in North Curve Bay Climbing of cliffs or walking along the bluffs Use of motorized vehicles Bivouac or fires outside of approved areas for these activities	Prohibited : Mooring in North Curve Bay
Islet Pinel	Prohibited : All commercial activities on RN sites Use of motorized vehicles Bivouac or fires outside of approved areas for these activities	Prohibited : As per the decree creating the RN
Petite Clef	Prohibited : All commercial activities Disembarking Bivouac and fires Use of motorized vehicles	Prohibited : As per the decree creating the RN
Caye Verte	Prohibited : Hiking, except on the sand dunes Commercial activities, except on the sand dunes Bivouac and fires Use of motorized vehicles	Prohibited : As per the decree creating the RN
Baie de l'Embouchure	Prohibited : Circulation of motorized vehicles on paths and the beach zones (4x4, motorcycles, quads) Bivouac or fires outside of approved areas for these activities	Prohibited : All types of fishing in the waters that join Galion Bay du Galion and the étang aux Poissons Mooring Kite-surfing
Îlets de la Baie de l'Embouchure	Prohibited : All commercial activities Use of motorized vehicles	Prohibited : As per the decree creating the RN
Baie Lucas		Mooring prohibited
Activities prohibited at open moorings at all sites within the Réserve	Unauthorized mooring Nighttime mooring without authorization from the Réserve Bivouac and fires outside of areas authorized for these activities	



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Information to the Public

The Prefect of Saint Martin issued two new decrees in favor of the environment on March 29, 2010

The first decree concerns “the circulation of people, as well as various sports and tourism activities the Réserve Naturelle Nationale of Saint Martin.” (Decree n° 2010 / 019 / PREF / SADD)

All entities desiring to carry out an activity, be it related to sports, tourism, or business, compatible with the rules governing the Réserve Naturelle of Saint Martin must have direct authorization from the association that manages the Réserve Naturelle. This authorization is continued by tacit renewal every year, and can be cancelled in the event that all of the various requirements of the decree are not met.

These activities must be related to the overall objectives and promotion of the Réserve Naturelle, such as scuba diving, sailboat or motorboat charters (with or without a hired skipper), maritime passenger transportation, certain nautical sports (with and without engines), or such activities as hiking or horseback riding along the trails.

Diving clubs and boat charters - of which the majority rent boats on a daily or weekly basis - are required to pay a monthly fee, make a daily declaration of their activities, and are subject to a system of ticketing. The fees are fixed at 1.52 euro per passenger/per day, with the number of passengers aboard each boat limited to 28 people. These tariffs apply from November 1 through August 31 and are paid to the Réserve Naturelle, which uses the funds toward the management and preservation of its protected zones.

Each enterprise is also expected to disseminate an educational message oriented toward the awareness and protection of the environment, in the spirit of the documentation provided by the Réserve. In exchange, the enterprise is authorized to utilize the name and logo of the Réserve Naturelle on all of its promotional materials.

The second decree provides regulations for “commercial and non-commercial activities in the Réserve Naturelle of Saint Martin” (Decree n° 2010 / 020 / PREF / SADD)

AUTHORIZED COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

Commercial activities within the Réserve Naturelle must meet these seven criteria in order to benefit from official authorization:

- Meet all regulations of any governing bodies that concern their activities;
- Respect all current rules and regulations;
- Respect the maximum number of people per trip, as indicated by the request for authorization;
- All staff aboard each boat must be qualified, and assure the role of prevention and information, as well as surveillance and control of the visitors during the entire length of the excursion;
- Activities such as walking and hiking must be with a guide who provides adequate commentary along the way;
- Nautical activities, such as canoes, kayaks and diving, must be practiced with an instructor or guide;
- Activities and equipment (gear, boats...) must be respectful of all natural habitats and the various animal and plant species in the area.

The annual nominative authorization is subject to a monthly tariff paid to the Réserve Naturelle, from November 1 through August 31. A logo indicating this authorization is provided to the service provider, who should use it on all promotional materials as well as on equipment used for various activities (boats, kayaks, etc...).

Diving with air tanks is subject to certain rules:

- 1 boat per dive site (except at Rocher Créole);
- 14 divers maximum per boat, in addition to the staff;
- Divers should be equipped with a stabilizing vest and are not allowed to wear gloves;
- Boats must use moorings provided by the Réserve;
- In absence of a mooring, boats must be allowed to drift during a dive;
- Night diving is only allowed at Rocher Créole, Caye Verte, and at the Remorqueur site, with express authorization of the Réserve.

All those providing activities in these zones must use the moorings provided by the Réserve. At Tintamare, at Baie Blanche, boats of less than 10 meters (33 feet) are allowed to anchor, but uniquely in the sand. A distance of 20 meters (65 feet) is required between the boat and the beach as a measure of security and the safety of swimmers.

PROHIBITED COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

- Activities that do not have an educational aspect;
- Night time activities;
- Night mooring without having made a declaration;
- Establishment of a nautical base using motorized or non-motorized vessels in the protected zones on land and at sea within the Réserve Naturelle;
- Circulation of vehicles with motors (motorcycles, scooters, quads...) outside of established traffic routes;
- Taking samples of clay or having mud baths at Tintamare.

AUTHORIZED NON-COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

- Hiking, horseback riding, and bicycling excursions;
- Snorkeling with fins, mask, and snorkel;
- Circulation of boats for private use;
- At sites with moorings, only boats of less than 10 meters (33 feet) are allowed to anchor, exclusively in the sand. A distance of 20 meters (65 feet) is required between the boat and the beach as a measure of security and the safety of swimmers.

PROHIBITED NON-COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

- Deep-sea diving without permission from the Réserve Naturelle;
- Disembarking or climbing at Rocher Créole, Petite Clef, and the cliffs at Tintamare;
- Removal of clay or mud at Tintamare;
- Removal of sand;
- Use of motorized vehicles (motorcycles, scooters, quads...) outside of regular roads; on paths, or on the beach in areas controlled by the Conservatoire du Littoral;
- Collecting of shells (with live or dead inhabitants);
- Loud or disturbing noise;
- Unauthorized mooring;
- Nighttime mooring without authorization from the Réserve;
- Bivouacs or fires outside of authorized areas.