

Beach/Snorkel Etiquette:



- **DO** remove all your trash including cigarette butts. Be mindful of the wind blowing trash into the sea.
- **DO** stay on the walkways to avoid walking on sand dunes and watch out for iguana burrows on the uninhabited cays.
- **DO NOT** feed the wildlife including fish, birds, and reptiles.
- **DO** use biodegradable suntan lotion whenever possible and allow time for all lotions to soak into the skin before going into the ocean. Suntan lotion is toxic to the reefs.
- **DO NOT** touch, stand on or kick the coral; it is a living animal and you will harm it.
- **AVOID** kicking sand with your fins when snorkeling so that fine particles do not smother and choke living coral.



Coastal Regulations:

- A permit issued by DEMA (refer to map) is required for any bonfire or social function on the beach.
- **DO NOT** remove corals, sand, shells and wildlife, whether dead or alive, from the Protected Areas. It is illegal.



- All individuals who wish to export more than three queen conch shells must apply for a CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species) export permit through DEMA. Please allow 3-5 business days for applications to be processed.
- For your safety, please swim within the “swim zone” (within 300 feet of shore).
- **DO NOT** fish in protected areas such as National Parks and Nature Reserves. It is illegal to do so. This includes ‘catch and



release’ fishing or hunting for conch and lobsters.

- For fishing licenses, please apply through DEMA.
- Use of jet skis, hovercrafts, and water skis are permitted only in demarcated ski zones (refer to map).
- Visiting a Sanctuary is only allowed with the written permission from the Director of DEMA.

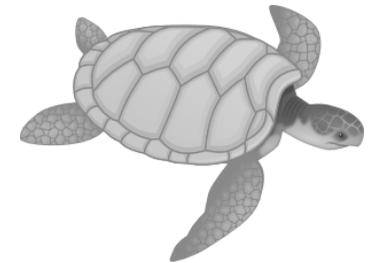
Guided Tours:

- Please report to DEMA if you witness your boat captain anchoring on coral reefs or sea grass beds.
- Please make sure your “fresh conch salad” does not come from the National Park!



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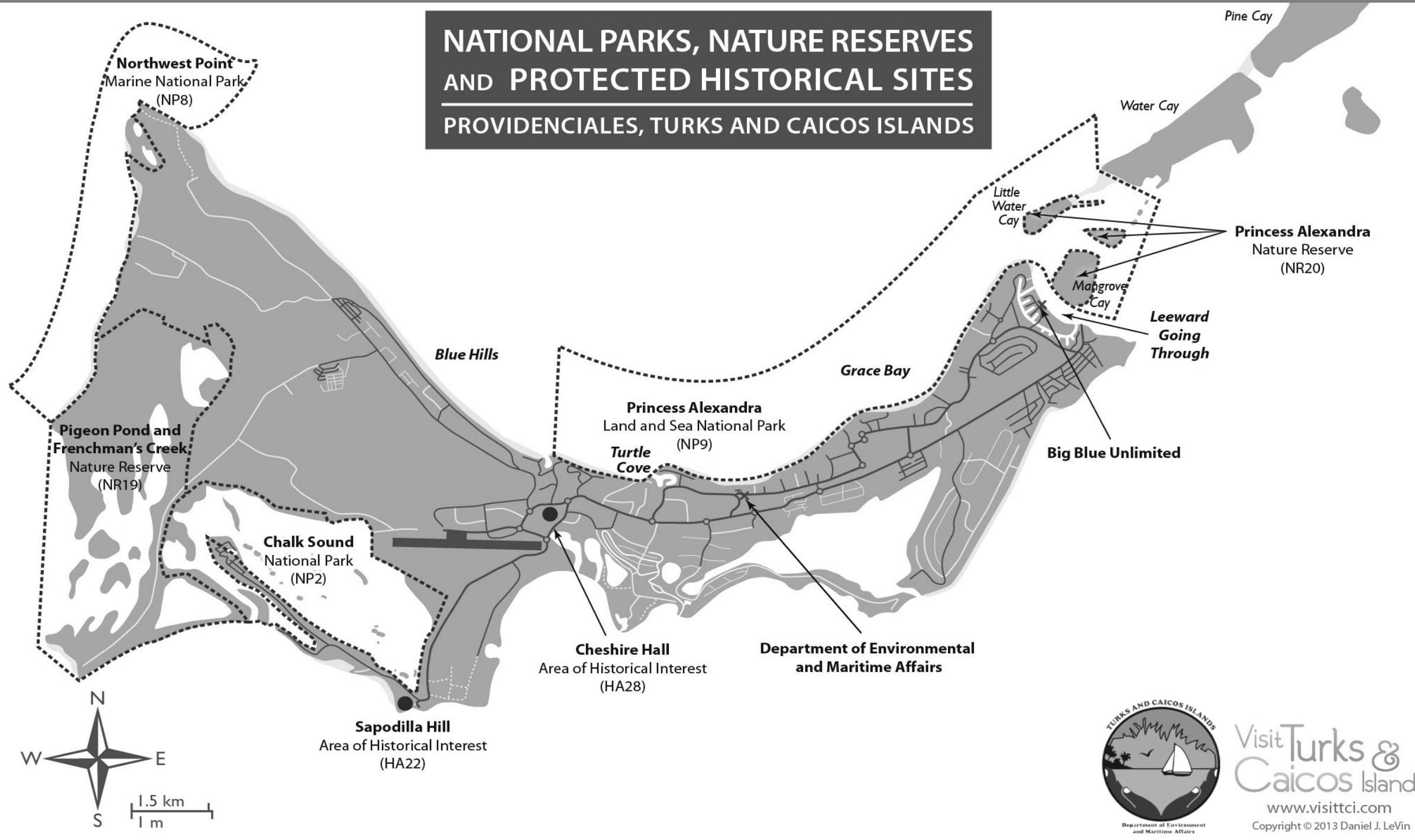
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