

CAYMAN ISLANDS

Cayman Brac Heritage Sites and Trails

One of three tranquil jewels in the Caribbean. . . Cayman Brac, just 90 miles off the shore of Grand Cayman, is blessed with natural treasures and a rich heritage.

Explore secret coves and beaches, discover our museums and absorb a little of our culture, or simply relax in our warmth.



The Cayman Islands lie 480 miles due south of Miami, just beyond Cuba and 189 miles northwest of Jamaica.

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CAYMAN BRAC Natural Beauty Awaits



Beach in Cayman Brac

Cayman Brac welcomes you and encourages you to explore our exciting and beautiful island. Come to where natural and cultural heritage remain closely interwoven. You will find a safe, peaceful environment for walking, hiking, biking, taking leisurely drives or just relaxing in blissful solitude.

SAVOUR THE GLORY of spectacular cliff walks on the 140-foot bluff thrusting vertically from the ocean floor. Have a close encounter with magnificent frigatebirds and brown boobies and marvel at how these winged creatures are held aloft by air currents rising from the sheer bluff face. Explore the caves in which generations of Brackers have taken refuge during storms.

FOR BIRDWATCHERS, Cayman Brac has almost 200 species of birds, including the endangered Cayman Brac parrot, with a population of only 350. Look for parrots on the north coast and in its protected woodland reserve on the bluff, and keep an eye out for the

Brown booby with chick



indigenous vitelline warbler and red-legged thrush.

OUR WETLAND PONDS harbour a wide selection of herons and shorebirds, including the rare West Indian whistling-duck. Many pause to rest and feed on their long migratory journey between North and South America. Some of these travellers, such as the migrant warblers, spend the winter in our woodlands.



Channel Steps

OUR HERITAGE SITES

are marked on the map on the reverse page.

The painted panels tell the story of early settlement, the ecology of our wetlands and our protected birds, the booby and the parrot.

CERAMIC INTERPRETIVE SIGNS AND ECOLOGY

PANELS give information on beach walks, historic sites and hikes on the woodland trails. Here trees and plants are clearly identified: the tropical cedar (the parrot's favourite

for a cavity nest), the endemic silver thatch palm, pepper cinnamon, orchids and cacti.

OUR WHITE HERITAGE SIGNS mark the locations of all the sites of cultural interest.

FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY, always wear hiking boots on the trails, always carry water, consider taking a walking stick and go with a companion if possible. If you hike alone, inform your hotel of your intended routes. The limestone cracks easily, so be aware on the hiking paths — and never go too close to the edge of the Bluff.

HELP US KEEP OUR ISLAND PRISTINE

Please use the litter bins provided, leave the flora and fauna untouched, park off the main roads and respect 'Private' signs.

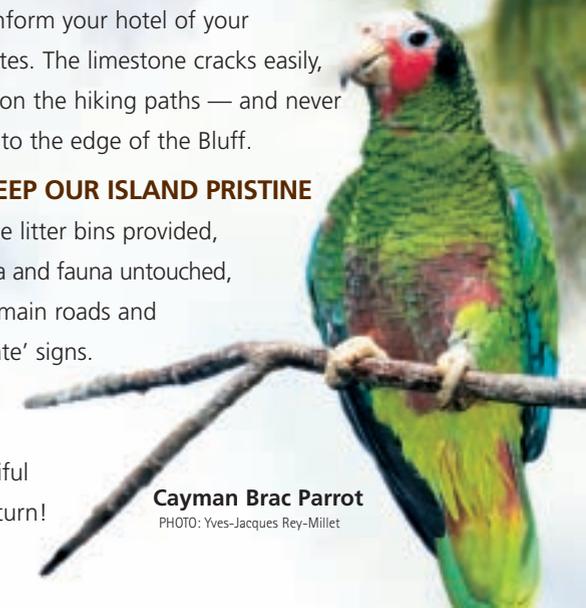
This way our island will be just as beautiful when you return!



Red-legged Thrush

PHOTO: Yves-Jacques Rey-Millet

Bat Cave



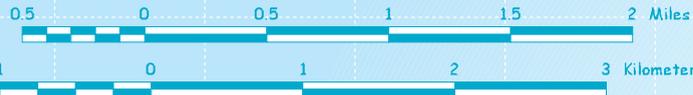
Cayman Brac Parrot

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CAYMAN BRAC

Nature & Historic Sites

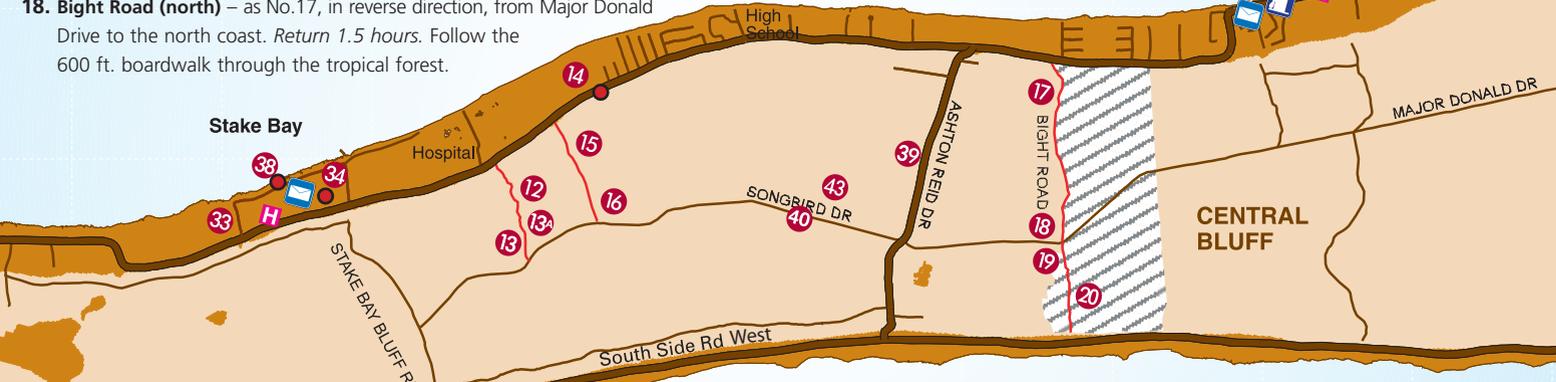


- 1. West End Point Outlook** – Watch birds, the sea and the sunset looking towards Little Cayman.
- 2. Westerly Ponds (west and east)** – On the southwest shore, use boardwalks and viewing areas to observe over 100 species of birds on the wetlands.
- 3. Salt Water Pond** – A sanctuary at the junction of South Side Road and Gerrard Smith Road; seasonal birdwatching, least tern colony, April-August.
- 4. To Rebecca's Cave/Salt Water Pond Walk** – Follow sign on Rebecca's Road at junction with South Side Road.
- 5. Rebecca's Cave Historic Site** – This cave was once used as a hurricane shelter.
- 6. Salt Water Pond Walk** – A hike from the south to the north coast, beside Rebecca's Cave; birdwatching and tropical plants. *A strenuous hike. Level: moderate to rough.*
- 7. Salt Water Pond Walk** – No. 6 in reverse, from the north coast at White Bay to the south coast.



- 8. The Marshes Wetlands** – on South Side Road West, near Public Beach; birdwatching and the Red Shrimp Hole.
- 9. Bat Cave** – In the bluff on South Side Road West.
- 10. Beach Walk to First Cay** – A robust walk from the end of the road along the southeast shore below the bluff to the large rock (First Cay); only serious climbers should proceed further as rough seas are a hazard. Brown booby, frigatebirds and migrant tropicbirds from January to August. *Return trip 2 hours. Level: easy to moderate.*
- 11. Walk to Windlass of S.S. Kersearge** – Pass the airport entrance and continue on West End Road West, turn right onto James Scott Road, cross Georgiana Drive to the sea. The windlass (1860 ship's winch) lies on the Ironshore to your right. To complete a loop walk, follow signs east along the shore and return to the main road by Robert Foster Lane. Swimming at Buccaneer Barcadere. Beware sharp drop off. *Level easy.*

- 12. Deadman's Point Bluff Road** – Climb the bluff steps on the north coast (east of the Museum) to hike through endemic woodland to Songbird Drive; endemic birds and plants. *Return 1.5 hours. Level: moderate.*
- 13. Deadman's Point Bluff Road** – as 12 in reverse direction, from Songbird Drive to north coast.
- 13A. Deadman's Point to Hemmington Road loop** (and reverse) - At bluff exit on Songbird Drive follow signs to Hemmington Road and complete hike to north coast on second trail No.16 below. *Return 2.5 hours. Level moderate to rough.*
- 14. Half Way Ground Cave** – On the north coast east of Hemmington Road.
- 15. Hemmington Road Hiking Trail** – Climb the bluff steps on the north coast, east of Deadman's Point Bluff Road; hike through endemic woodland to Songbird Drive; endemic birds and plants. *Return 1.5 hours. Level: rough.*
- 16. Hemmington Road Hiking Trail** – as No.15, in reverse direction, from Songbird Drive to north coast.
- 17. Bight Road (north)** – Climb the steps to the bluff on the north coast, east of Ashton Reid Drive; hike through ancient woodland along the boundary of the Parrot Reserve to Major Donald Drive on the mid bluff; endemic birds and plants. *Return 1.5 hours. Level: moderate to rough.*
- 18. Bight Road (north)** – as No.17, in reverse direction, from Major Donald Drive to the north coast. *Return 1.5 hours.* Follow the 600 ft. boardwalk through the tropical forest.

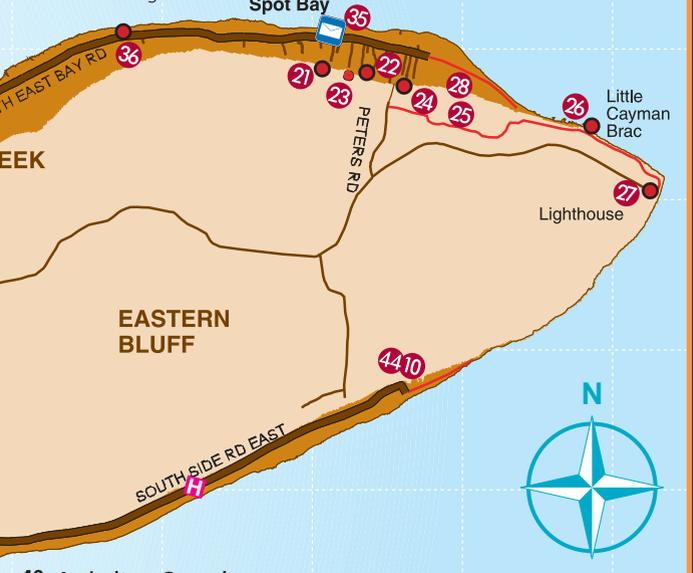


- 19. Bight Road (south)** – Hike from Major Donald Drive to the south bluff edge. *Return 1.5 hours. Return hike from north to south coast — 3 hours. Level: moderate to rough.*
- 20. National Trust Parrot Reserve and Nature Trail** – A short hike off Bight Road south; protected for breeding parrots, endemic plants and its biodiversity in 281.6 acres of ancient forest. *Level: easy to moderate.*
- 21. Big Channel Road Outlook** – Historic steps up the north face of the bluff, west of Spot Bay. Follow path from main road; panoramic views. *Level: moderate.*
- 22. Lighthouse Steps** – In Spot Bay, follow signs on Lighthouse Road to the historic steps up the northeast face of the bluff No. 25. Return hike to the light house on the eastern bluff. *3 hours minimum. Level: moderate.*
- 23. Peter's Cave** – Traditional hurricane shelter for residents of Spot Bay, on Lighthouse Steps. Access also from top of the bluff via path from Peter's Road car park.

- 24. Peter's Outlook** – Panoramic view of Spot Bay, at the top of the Steps. Access on top of the bluff from Peter's Road car park.
- 25. Lighthouse Footpath** – via the Lighthouse Steps No. 22, past Peter's Road car park on the bluff to Footpath entrance gate or by car via Major Donald Drive to Peter's Road car park. Hike through shrubland onto wide path close to the bluff edge to the Lighthouse. Panoramic views, endemic vegetation and seabirds. Return by the same route or take a loop on the main Major Donald Drive to Peter's Road car park. Boots and water essential. *Return 3 hours. Level: moderate.*
- 26. Little Cayman Brac Outlook** – Overlook the cay (large rock) half way along the Lighthouse Footpath No. 25. Brown booby breed in caves and ledges in the bluff below. *Level: easy.*
- 27. Lighthouse** – Panoramic ocean views and seabirds. Maintain a safe distance and beware of edge!
- 28. Long Beach** – Follow path to the shore through seagrape at the east end of the north coast road; dramatic walk below bluff. Climbers only can continue further east but beware of rough seas. *Return to the end of the beach 1.5 hours. Level: easy to moderate.*

- 29. Cayman Brac Community Park** – On West End Road, west of the airport. Picnics and short walks.
- 30. Pioneer Walk** – Loop walk at West End. Follow Pioneer Lane to the sea, there is a sandy beach to the west, turn east along a hurricane boulder path and return on a track to the main road; bird watching. *One hour. Level: easy.*
- 31. National Trust House** – On White Bay Road; near the sea.
- 32. Mass Gravesite** – From the 1932 hurricane, close to the Trust House.
- 33. Stake Bay Walk** – Take Ryan's Drive to Stake Bay Front Road, pass JA Ryan Cemetery, the landing place (original harbour for schooners) and historic houses, return via Kirkconnell Street and the Museum No. 34 to the main road.
- 34. Cayman Brac Museum - Stake Bay** – The oldest Museum in the Cayman Islands, is located in the old Government Building which housed all the major departments and today allows residents and visitors the opportunity of "Keeping in touch with the past". Hours: Mon. to Fri. 9am - 12 noon, 1pm - 4pm; Sat. 9am - 12 noon. Phone: 948-2222 ext. 4446

- 35. Spot Bay Community Park** – Beach picnics, swimming. Beware sharp drop off.
- 36. Cayman Brac Heritage House** – Weekly displays by local artisans, tours of the grounds and various cultural events. Hours: Mon. to Fri. 9:30 am - 1 pm, 2 pm - 5 pm; Sat. 10 am - 3 pm. Phone: 948-0653
- 37. Spellman McLaughlin Historic House.**
- 38. Captain Charlie Kirkconnell's Historic House.**
- 39. Christopher Columbus Gardens** – Located on the Bluff, the park was the vision of the Cayman Brac Quincentennial Committee and is the home of the Wall of Honour, a relief of Christopher Columbus and several boardwalks and gazeboes constructed to fit in with the natural surroundings.



- 40. Agriculture Grounds.**
- 41. Heritage Designs** – Labyrinth, Iguanas, Cave, Mini Nature Trail, Night Sky Tours. Hours: Mon., Fri., Sat. 10 am - 5:30 pm.
- 42. MV K.P. Tibbetts** – Swimming, Dive/Snorkel. Access from Robert Foster Lane, site of Old Buccaneers Inn; first Cayman Brac Hotel.
- 43. Nani Cave** – Located inland, off Songbird Drive.
- 44. Great Cave** – Located on the southcoast at the end of the paved road.

*For all emergency services, please dial 911.

MAP LEGEND

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