Naval Station Guantánamo Bay’s Trail Guide

What is the “Breakfast Club”? The “Breakfast Club” is a group of volunteers from every branch of the military, DoD employees and civilians in our community who have partnered with NIECB’s Volunteer Coordinators, PWD’s Self-Help, PWD’s Environmental office, Security & MWR. We are working together to maintain the trails and raise awareness of the wildlife we share this base with.

How can I be a part of the “Breakfast Club”? We are a volunteer group open to all! Just help us keep the trails clean. Pick-up trash while you’re out and about. If you see a problem you can’t handle let MWR know, so the right person can address it. Ext. 2345

Help raise awareness by wearing a “Breakfast Club” T-Shirt. (Available at the MWR Marina Gift Shop)

Trails & Beaches

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Windward Trails
- Marina Nature Walk
- Glass Beach
- Girls Scout Beach
- Phillips Park & Dive Pier
- The Slot
- Cable & Pebble Beach

Windward Beaches
- Ferry Landing/Ocean View
- Half Moon
- The Lighthouse
- Blue, Cueva & Blind Beaches
- Windmill Beach
- Kittery Beach
- Hospital Cay

Leeard Beaches
- Fort Conde & Hecale Beach
- End of Runway (AMC)
- Hidden Beach
- Chapman Beach

Enjoy yourself & be safe!

Legend
- Star: Trailhead & Parking
- Green: Ridgeline Trail
- Blue: Trails
- Roads

Note: Be mindful of posted trail difficulty signs & color-coded arrows.

*The MWR Marina offers a water taxi service, as well as daily boat, kayak, & bike rentals.

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Be courteous & safe!

Please follow these simple steps to help make these trails a better experience for everyone—human and otherwise!

--- Stay on designated trails and out of restricted areas. If in doubt, contact base security. Ext. 4105

--- Do not harass the wildlife.

Keep a safe distance from our little friends. NAVSTA GTMO 1710.10A—Outdoor Recreation and Wildlife Instruction implicitly states that the “take” of wild animals (intentionally harm, kill, harass, or remove from natural habitat) is prohibited.

--- Plan ahead. Bring plenty of water, wear sunblock, a hat and appropriate hiking shoes.

--- Leave no trace. Pack out what you pack in. As the old saying goes, “Take only pictures, leave only footprints.”

--- Watch for steep slopes and loose rocks.

Some of these trails are not stable, so please exercise caution at all times to avoid injury!

Be mindful of trail signs:

EASIEST  MORE DIFFICULT  MOST DIFFICULT

Help keep GTMO clean!!

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Brought to you by the
“Breakfast Club”

“Use it. Clean it!”

GTMO is a wildlife showcase!!

Birds

Cuban Endemics
- Bee Hummingbird (World’s Smallest Bird)
- Cuban Green Woodpecker
- Cuban Emerald Hummingbird
- Cuban Tody
- Cuban Pygmy-Owl
- Cuban Vireo
- Cuban Grassquit
- Cuban Pewee
- Cuban Gnateater

West Indies Endemics
- Black-Whiskered Vireo
- Tawny-Shouldered Blackbird
- West Indian Woodpecker
- Black-Cowled Oriole
- La Sagra’s Flycatcher

Migratory (Warblers)
- Blackpoll Warbler
- Cape May Warbler
- Common Yellowthroat
- Prairie Warbler
- Ortie Warbler
- Northern Waterthrush
- Oven Bird
- Yellow-Throated Warbler
- Black-Throated Blue Warbler
- Black-and-white Warbler

Migratory
- Yellow-Billed Cuckoo
- American Redstart

Other birds of interest
- American Kestrel
- Antillean Nighthawk
- Ruddy Tunstane
- Osprey
- Northern Caracara
- Magnificent Frigatebird
- West Indian Whistling-Duck
- Double-crested Cormorant

Other wildlife....

- Demarest’s hutia
- Cuban Rock Iguana
- Cuban Boa
- Cuban Racer
- Manatee
- Five-Striped Grass Anole
- Cuban Green Anole
- Oriental Knight Anole
- Ameiva
- Cuban Tree Frog
- Hawk-billed Sea Turtle
- Green Sea Turtle
- Three-Banded Reef Gecko
- Guantánamo Bay Reef Gecko
- White-Tailed Deer
- Tarantula

Observe & enjoy!

Take some time to appreciate the natural beauty that surrounds you on your hike. This is a unique ecosystem, Caribbean dry tropical forest, where you will find many unique plants and animals. In addition to GTMO’s robust wildlife population there are 193 plant species, of which 51 are endemic. (You won’t see them anywhere else.

Tired of the mosquitoes at GTMO? You have an ally. The Cuban tody is a small bird, about the size of a hummingbird, which has a voracious appetite for insects. Unlike many other birds that build nests from twigs and other vegetation, the tody will make a small tunnel almost one foot in length.

If you listen closely you may hear the high-pitched squawks coming from the cactus trees. Hutias, also known as “banana rats,” are in fact not rats and are more closely related to the porcupine. Hutias are highly social animals and you will often find several hutias in a single tree. The nickname of “banana rat” refers to the shape of its scat, rather than diet. An average hutia’s diet consists of bark, leaves, and fruit.

Please do NOT feed the wildlife!