DEAR VISITOR

In Chile, the main objective of national parks is to protect the natural environments and evolutionary processes that occur inside them, in order to conserve their cultural and scenic heritage. Therefore, we only authorise activities of education, research or recreation compatible with our conservation objective (Law 18,362).

The regulations detailed below are inspired by the protection of the resources of this park and the precaution you must consider to enjoy your visit safely. The climatic conditions of Patagonia are variable and unpredictable, so any carelessness can be fatal.

Help us preserve our natural heritage!

CONAF
Torres del Paine National Park

RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES

Camping
Camping allows the realisation of low impact recreation activities and with certain rules. Failure to comply with these rules implies immediate expulsion from the park.

Use of fire
The use of any heat source within the park is prohibited by Law 20,613. The offenders will be made available to Carabineros de Chile. Failure to comply with this rule may be punishable by fines of up to $ 5,000,000 or up to three years in prison.

Use of cooking stoves
- Use only a cooking stove

- USE HEATING SOURCES OR COOKING STOVES

in any area carries a penalty of up to 3 years in prison.

It is allowed exclusively in the authorized areas indicated in this map. It is strictly forbidden to stay overnight in any other place.

- Allowed only to use stoves that do not use vegetable material as fuel (BioLite Cook) and that have been certified by CONAF.

- You must be at an altitude greater than 20 meters.

Use of fire
- Use of fire is prohibited because they disturb the fauna. If you are caught using wood, you can be fined up to $ 2,000,000 or up to three years in prison.

Sailing
- Only under conditions established in special permits that must be processed in the Administrative Headquarters of Torres del Paine National Park. In addition, all boats (kayak, inflatable boats, etc.) and associated equipment that enter the park must present a disinfection certificate issued by independent companies operating in Puerto Natales. This document will be valid for 48 hours and will be retained at the entrances.

Operation of drones or radio-controlled devices
- Its use is prohibited because they disturb the fauna. If you are caught using one, you will be expelled from the park and a report will be issued to the General Directorate of Civil Aviation.

No Smoking
- All the forest fires that have affected the park have been caused by human negligence. Thank you for NOT SMOKING.

- Climbing

- Only water contacts established in special permits that must be processed in the Administrative Headquarters of Torres del Paine National Park.

- Swimming

- Due to the high risk of asphyxiation by immersion, it is prohibited in all water bodies of the park: lakes, lagoons and rivers.

- Filming

- As in all units of the National System of Wild Protected Areas of the State (SNASPE), the park is available for the capture of images (video, film, photographic).

- Excluded from formal processing and authorization are those whose purpose is for domestic use, press activities (graphics and television) and which are carried out in sectors of public use in the park.

- Those involving assembly, major logistics deployment and/or projects for profit, advertising or commercial purposes, will be subject to changes and prior authorization processing.

Pet
- Pets are not allowed, since in addition to disturbing wildlife, they can transmit and spread diseases. In turn, pets can also contract diseases of wildlife.

- Consult park rangers before doing any activity that is not described in this booklet.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Garbage:
You must take all the garbage generated during your visit. Leaving garbage in the park is sanctioned by Law 21,122. Do not risk fines.

Mice:
You may find small mice in camps or camping areas. Although to date there is no evidence that they carry dangerous diseases such as the Hanta virus, we recommend that you always keep your tents tightly closed and store your food in hermetic containers keeping it hanging. Avoid poisoning of your equipment or food. All the species present in the park are native and, therefore, protected since they play an important role in the balance of the ecosystem.

Filming:
If you encounter a puma, stay calm. Do not approach it or run. Try to back away slowly making eye contact. Stay upright and if the animal still approaches you, attempt to appear larger by raising your arms and opening your jacket if you are wearing one. Move your arms slowly and speak firmly in a loud voice. If you have small children with you, pick them up if possible so they do not panic and run. Although it may be awkward, pick them up without breaking eye contact or turning away from the animal. A puma that isodium or accompanied by the offspring can be dangerous, so be sure not to disturb or interfere with their natural behavior.

Cell Phone Coverage:
There is no cell phone signal inside the park. In case of emergency, contact a park ranger, guide or tour operator with radio equipment (frequency 143,800 MHz). If you have a satellite phone, you can call the Administrative Headquarters of the park +56 612364846 or Carabineros de Chile +56 612361195.

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SAFETY TIPS FOR HIKERS

- Water can be consumed from the park’s water courses. Always collect it upstream of the trail and as far as possible from the camps.

- The schedule established for the closing of the trails are at preventing the night from surprising the visitors before reaching the camp. Only the park ranger of each sector can authorize walking after hours and for recreational situations.

- In case of heavy rains or snows, the river grows and can become dangerous, both because of the storm and because of their low temperature. Do not attempt to cross if the water reaches the height of your knees and avoid wading alone. Always consult the park ranger about the conditions of the trails.

- Leaving the hiking trails is very dangerous. Almost all fatal accidents in the park occur outside of authorized routes.

- The climate in Patagonia changes rapidly. Wear layers of appropriate clothing to withstand rain, wind and/or snow. Overestimating your abilities or underestimating nature can be dangerous.

- Registration is mandatory upon arrival at all ranger stations. In the Paso and Paine camps, in addition, you must register your exit for your own safety.

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