

# PLAYA PISCINA NATURAL

## PARQUE NACIONAL NATURAL TAYRONA



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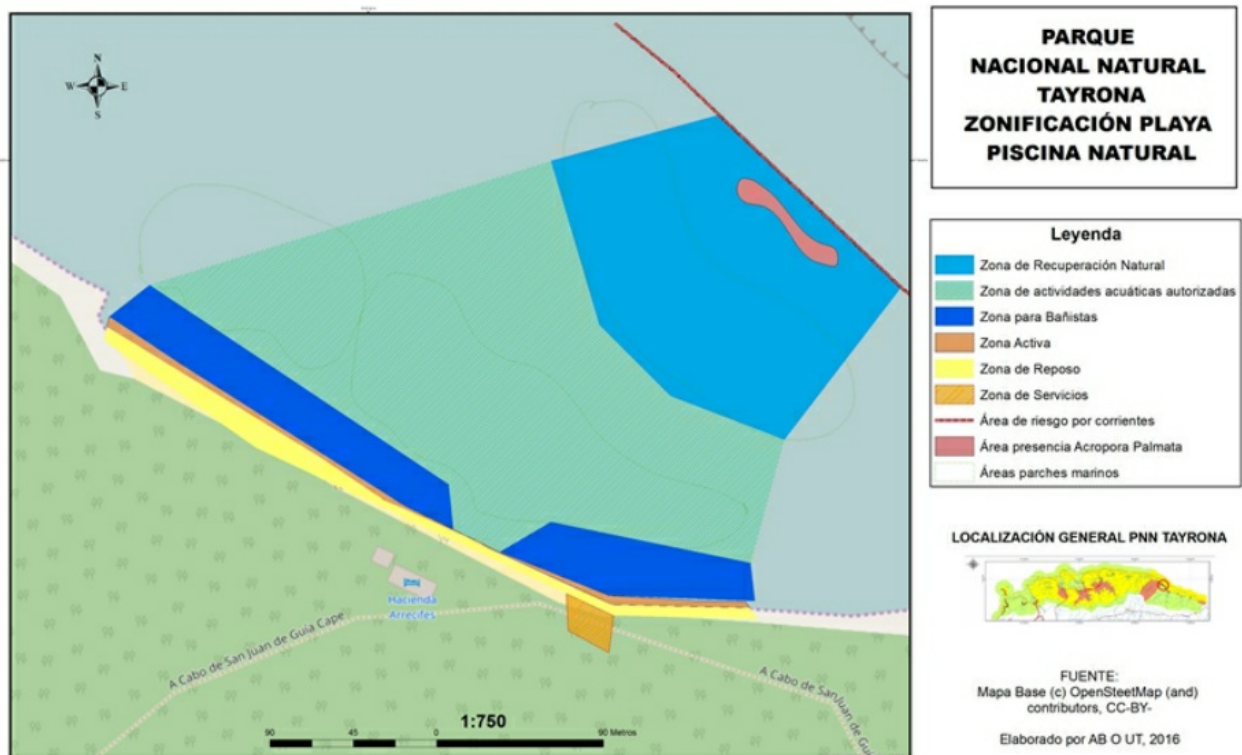
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NUEVO PAÍS**  
PAZ EQUIDAD EDUCACIÓN

## ¿HOW IS THE BEACH ORGANIZED?

Located in the area of Arrecifes in Tayrona National Natural Park, access is through the path from Arrecifes beach to Cabo San Juan. The total área is about 15,100 m<sup>2</sup> with a length of 382 meters, located at the coordinates: N 11 ° 19'22,24 " - W 073 ° 57'26,03 ".







### Swimming Zone

Zone parallel and next to the active area to ensure the safety of swimmers. This area is dedicated exclusively to swimming and bathing in the sea. Its access might occasionally be restricted due to weather or sea conditions.



### Active Zone

Strip parallel to the beach's lowest tide line where activities related to visitor circulation to enter the sea are allowed. At times it will be reduced by the tide, in which case visitors can move through the resting area. Circulation must be done with respect for other visitors.



### Service Zone

This zone has authorized light, modular and removable infrastructure to supply ecotourism services. You can find people authorized to sell food and beverages within this area.

**Piscina Natural is zoned to organize activities in different areas in order to guarantee the quality of your visit and to ensure it is in harmony with conservation of our fauna and flora.**



### Resting Zone

Zone used exclusively for rest and contemplation practices. You can use this area for relaxation and enjoyment but you are responsible for your belongings and returning your waste.



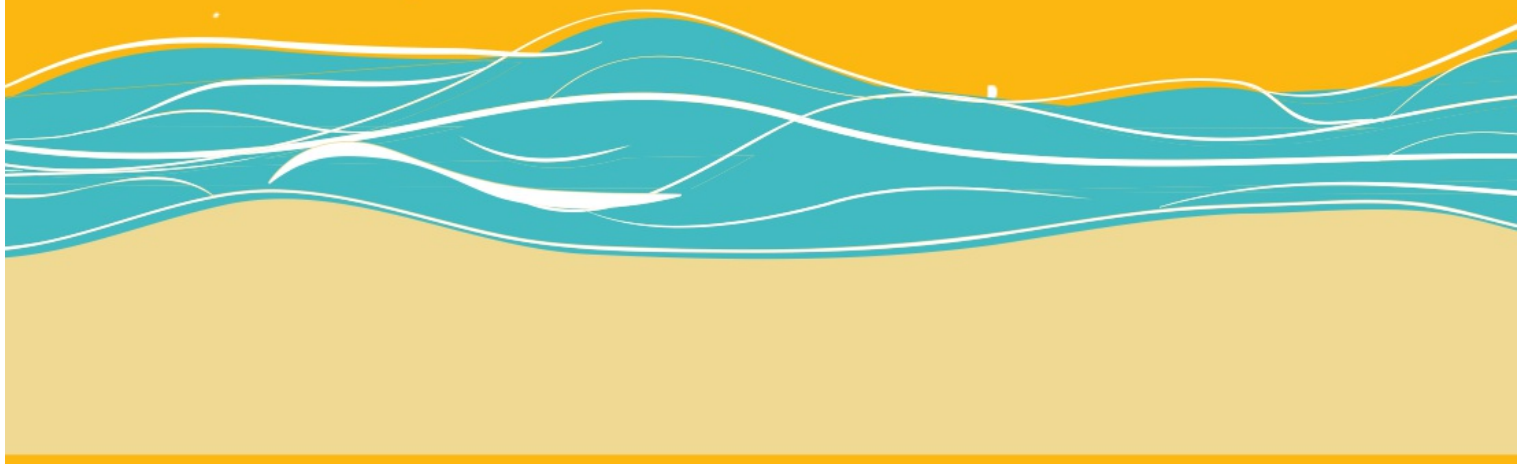
### Authorized Aquatic Activity Zone

Area with restricted access for vessels. You can practice activities authorized by Tayrona NNP.



### Nature Recovery Zone

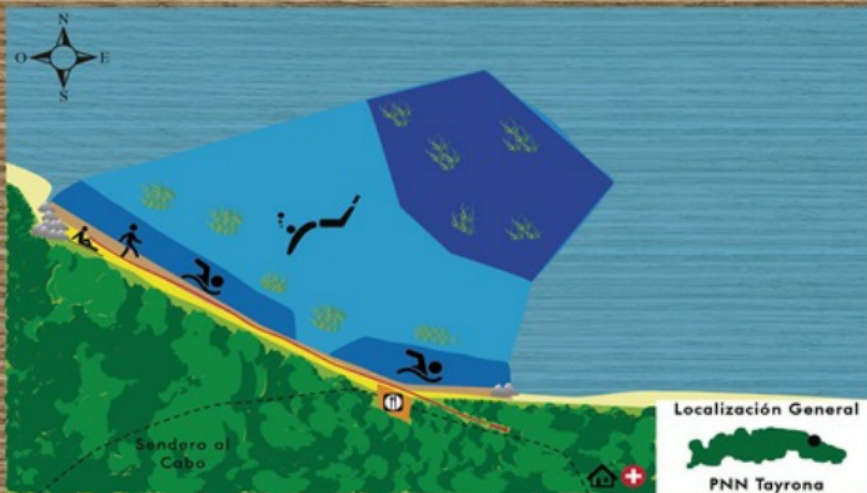
This zone is restricted and access is only allowed for research, with the purpose of recovering and protecting coral reef and seagrass bed ecosystems. Restrictions are also due to the presence of dangerous currents.
















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Localización General

PNN Tayrona

Abierto / Open:  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

-  Zona recuperación coral y pasto marino, prohibido acceder / Seagrass and coral recovery Zone, access forbidden
-  Zona actividades acuáticas autorizadas / Authorized aquatic activities Zone
-  Zona Bañistas / Swimming Zone
-  Zona Activa: Circulación visitantes / Active Zone: visitors circulation
-  Zona Reposo / Resting Zone
-  Zona venta alimentos y bebidas / Sale of beverages and food Zone
-  Ruta de evacuación a punto de encuentro / Evacuation route to meeting point
-  Estación de emergencias / Emergency station
-  Cabaña PNN Tayrona sector de Arrecifes / NNP Tayrona cabin Arrecifes sector

LOS PASTOS MARINOS SON ECOSISTEMAS FRAGILES, EVITE PARARSE SOBRE ELLOS  
SEA GRASS BEDS ARE FRAGILE ECOSYSTEMS, AVOID STEPPING ON THEM



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# FAUNA AND FLORA CONSERVED IN PISCINA NATURAL



## Seagrass

Seagrass beds develop on coastal sandy and muddy floors, which form a community with algae and animals in relation to coral reefs. They are a source of food for many species such as turtles, fish and sea urchins. The area has seagrass species such as manatee grass (*Syringodium filiforme*) and turtlegrass (*Thalassia testudinum*). Seagrass areas play important roles such as trapping CO<sub>2</sub>, controlling coastal erosion and as habitat of different species. Their preservation is important in maintaining the balance of coastal ecosystems, which are affected by water pollution, the trampling of tourists and damage caused by vessels.



## Mangrove

The mangrove is a type of forest adapted to the brackish conditions of shallow waters in coasts and river mouths. They are habitat of fish, birds, crabs and mollusks. Mangrove forests are nature's nurseries since two thirds of fish species are born and spend their first stages of life protected by their roots.



## Coral Reef

What appears to be a plant may actually be an animal; coral reefs are the most diverse ecosystems in the planet and some of the most fragile. Coral reefs are home to 25% of all marine species in the world. The coral reefs in this area have a marked prevalence of brain coral. The most representative species in the area are: *Diploria clivosa*, *Diploria strigosa*, *Millepora complanata*, *Montastraea faveolata*, *Colpophyllia natans* and *Montastraea faveolata*. Corals are affected by activities altering water clarity such as erosion or movement of the seabeds by boats or swimmers. Contamination by chemicals or residues also kills corals. The reefs are frequently damaged by anchors or rubbing, footsteps or contact with divers or swimmers.





Within the marine area, several species of great interest to conservation have been identified; for example turtles (*Caretta caretta*), queen conch (*Strombus gigas*), rays (*Narcine brasiliensis* and *Dasyatis americana*), sand dollar (*Mellita sexiesperforata*), squids (*Sepioteuthis Sepioidea*), sea urchins (*Diadema antillarum*) and spotted moray (*Gymnothorax moringa*).



The presence of the alligator (*Crocodylus acutus*) has been sporadically reported on the beaches of the Tayrona National Natural Park. Remember that you are in a protected area that seeks to recover and preserve wildlife, especially that which is under some type of threat such as this particular species that is found in Appendix I of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora. If there is an alert in this regard, act with caution and avoid entering the water on the beaches for which the presence of the species has been reported. If you have visual contact with the species: do not feed it, avoid approaching it, leave it undisturbed and inform park staff of its presence.

## SUSTAINABLE BEACH



## HOW TAKING CARE OF PLAYA PISCINA NATURAL ?

Please, visit the area according to the instructions and recommendations given by authorized staff.

All wastes return with you, do not leave any waste and bring them back to be all deposited within respective containers or returning with you to the cities where you are sure of correct disposal.

Piscina Natural is an area of importance for the conservation of the Coral Reef and Seagrass and various birds and other species, consequently the visit must be developed in the framework of respect and protection of their habitats.

Support us in spreading the voice for the protection of these ecosystems.

In case of emergency contact personal of Parques Nacionales Naturales to be assisted.

Buy to local communities offering products and services.



## BEACH SERVICES



**SNACKS**



**DRINKS**



**SNORKELING  
EQUIPMENT  
RENTAL**

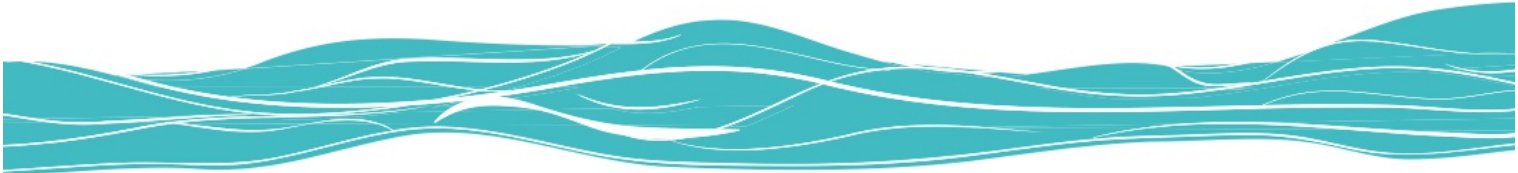


Prepare your visit to the beach ahead of time; find out about recommendations and safety measures. During the day, you can usually find sale of beverages and food from the local community on the beach depending on season and climatic conditions. It does not have bathrooms or drinking water.

The association **APRESTAYRONA** offers services such as sale of orange juice, other beverages, typical bread, ice cream and other snacks. They also rent snorkeling equipment.

## WHAT RULES MUST I FOLLOW DURING MY VISIT?

- ☐ Respect the rules on conservation and protection adopted by Parques Nacionales Naturales.
- ☐ Report to the Parques Nacionales Naturales staff any breach or offense you've noticed.
  - ☐ Keep the sites you have visited and used clean.
  - ☐ Beach access is from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm or earlier depending on weather conditions.
  - ☐ Please respect the harmony of the natural environment avoiding the use of musical or noise making equipment.
- ☐ Help us care for infrastructure by using signs and equipment appropriately.
  - ☐ The use psychoactive substances is illegal.
  - ☐ Collaborate with us to conserve our resources by using biodegradable sunscreen.

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- ☐ Please stay within authorized areas.
    - ☐ Feeding the animals is prohibited.
  - ☐ Campfires or burning is prohibited due to fire risk and damage to the natural environment.
  - ☐ You are invited to leave fauna and flora where they belong; taking them with you is prohibited.
    - ☐ Keep near the tide line when swimming or as recommended by rescue or Parques Nacionales Naturales staff.
  - ☐ Rocky areas are dangerous; climbing or diving from them is prohibited.



100 thousand  
birds, whales,  
turtles die every  
year because of  
the plastic bags.



It takes 100  
years for cans to  
decompose

It takes 15  
years for  
cigarette butts  
to decompose

Your waste has  
a negative  
impact

8 million tons  
of waste are  
deposited in the  
sea per year

Avoid bringing plastic bags, use reusable bags to carry your food and choose products which have less packaging, be sure to return with all your solid waste.

## **IF YOUR DESTINATION IS TAYRONA NATIONAL NATURAL PARK, PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING:**

Do not throw cigarette  
butts on the floor



Try to use reusable water bottles and larger  
sized ones instead of individual plastic bottles,  
return all of them to the recycle points



Prefer drinks without  
straws



# **HELP US TO CONSERVE THE BEACH CLEAN**

**When you visit Tayrona National Natural Park, please remember that you are entering ancestral territory, which is a World Heritage Cultural Site.**

**The area is inhabited by mestizo and Afro-Colombian communities that have organized themselves to provide ecotourism services. We invite you to learn about these authorized organizations and to purchase their services when traveling through the park.**

**As this is an area of great cultural interest, we invite you to enrich your visit by valuing the cultural diversity, respectfully following access restrictions and harmoniously interacting with the local population.**



## **VISIT WITH CULTURE**

**Playa Piscina Natural has services offered by APRESTAYRONA, association of tourism services supported by Parques Nacionales Naturales. They develop projects for the conservation of the beach and they promote the program Leave Your Footprint Not Your Garbage, which invites visitors to participate in the appropriate disposal of solid waste. You can support them by buying their products and getting to know their experience.**

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## **ENJOY WHILE HELP TO CONSERVE**

**The average temperature can reach 29°C. The area has two periods of rain from May to June and from September to November, and two dry periods between December and April, and between July and August.**

**Piscina Natural has gentle waves due to the barrier formed by its coral reef, which also accounts for its calm waters.**

**From the beach you can also travel to Cabo San Juan, which you can reach from the area of Arrecifes.**

**Remember that you are in the open sea and there are currents that can drag you out. Stay within the authorized area for swimming, not too far from the beach area and do not walk outside set trails.**

**You can find information about weather and water and sand quality in the Parques Nacionales Naturales control cabin in Arrecifes.**

**REMEMBER TO BE CAREFUL WITH YOUR BELONGINGS AND TO  
FOLLOW ALL SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS.**