

OSTIONAL REFUGE REGULATIONS



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The Ostional Wildlife Refuge is the heart of the community of Nosara. Protected by the Costa Rican government since 1983, the refuge spans 8,054 hectares of marine protected area and 510 hectares of terrestrial protected area. It includes four beaches: Ostional, Nosara, Pelada and Guiones and hosts three communities within its limits: Ostional, Pelada and Guiones. The communities of San Juanillo, Nosara, and Garza are also closely tied to the Refuge.

The Refuge is surrounded by a 5 km buffer zone, highlighting the importance of neighboring communities for the integrative conservation of the area.

The administration of the Ostional Wildlife Refuge asks all visitors to follow these guidelines while in the refuge:

Welcome to the Ostional Wildlife Refuge!

You are now entering a protected, ecologically sensitive area.
The following regulations exist in order to protect
this environment and its wildlife.

Not allowed:



Pets



Bonfires



Camping



Sound systems



Alcoholic
beverages



Grills



Any motorized
vehicles

- ✿ Do not use drones without the relevant authorization.
- ✿ Do not touch, manipulate or make noises that affect the turtles.
- ✿ Do not dig or collect turtle eggs, neonates or any by-products of sea turtles.
- ✿ Do not extract stones, shells, flora or fauna.
- ✿ Do not smoking.
- ✿ Do not ride horses on the sand.
- ✿ Do not use white lights, flashlights or camera flash at night.
- ✿ The possession, consumption, or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs is prohibited.

Instructions:

- ✿ Dangerous ocean currents occur here. If in doubt, don't go out.
- ✿ Please take your waste and leave the beach clean.

Beachgoers who fail to comply with these regulations may be **expelled** from the refuge.





Medidas Obligatorias ante la Pandemia por el COVID-19

Mandatory Measures to prevent COVID-19 Transmission



Mantener siempre una distancia de 1,8 metros
Keep 1,8 meters of social distance



Burbuja social: 5 personas máximo
Social bubble: 5 people maximum



Permitido
Allowed



No permitido
Not allowed



No mascotas
No pets



No ingresar a la playa si tiene fiebre, tos o gripe
If you are sick stay at home



SIEMPRE aplique el protocolo
de lavado de manos, tos y estornudos
ALWAYS apply the cough and sneeze protocol
Wash your hands frequently



El horario para utilizar la playa dependerá
de lo establecido por el Ministerio de Salud
The schedule to enter the beach will depend
on the guidelines of the Ministry of Health

¡De usted depende que las regulaciones se implementen y que logremos superar esta situación!
It is up to you that the regulations are implemented so we can overcome this situation!

This Refuge has the particularity that 59% of the terrestrial portion is registered as private property. Due to this, the Refuge was changed from a government-owned to a Mixed-Use Refuge by law in 2016. As part of this change, the National System of Protected Areas (SINAC) has been working on new regulations to manage the Refuge.

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