


Conservation of Natural Resources



Forty-two percent (42%) of this country's land is under some form of legal protection.

A protected area is an area set aside for the preservation and protection of highly important natural and cultural features for the regulation of the scientific, educational and recreational use.

The following information is contained in the PACT (Protected Areas National Trust) website. PACT was established in 1996 as a Belize national statutory body. The fee you pay upon departure of Belize funds the PACT trust and endowment.



Protected Areas in the Toledo District



National Parks protect and the preserve natural and scenic values of natural significance for the benefit and enjoyment of the general public.

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Paines Creek - established 1994
Rio Blanco - 1994
Sarstoon/Temesh - 1994

Nature Reserves protect biological communities or species and maintain natural processes in an undisturbed state in order to have ecologically representative examples of the natural environment available for scientific study, monitoring, education and the maintenance of genetic resources.

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Bladen Branch - established in 1990

Wildlife Sanctuaries protect nationally significant species groups of species, biotic communities or physical features of the environment requiring special human manipulation for their perpetuation.

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Agua Caliente Luha - established in 1998

Archeological Reserves protect archaeological and historic resources.

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Nim Li Punit - established 1995

Forest Reserves protect forest for management and exploitation, plus the conservation of soil, water and wildlife resources.

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Deep River - established 1990

Machaca - 1998

Monkey Caye - 1996

Swasey Bladen - 1986

Marine Reserves are created for protection, research, recreation education, and controlled extraction in relation to marine and freshwater species and their habitats.

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Sapodilla Cayes - established 1996

Port Honduras - 2000

Private reserves are protected areas that are owned by a private individual or a non-governmental organization.

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Golden Stream Reserve - established 2000