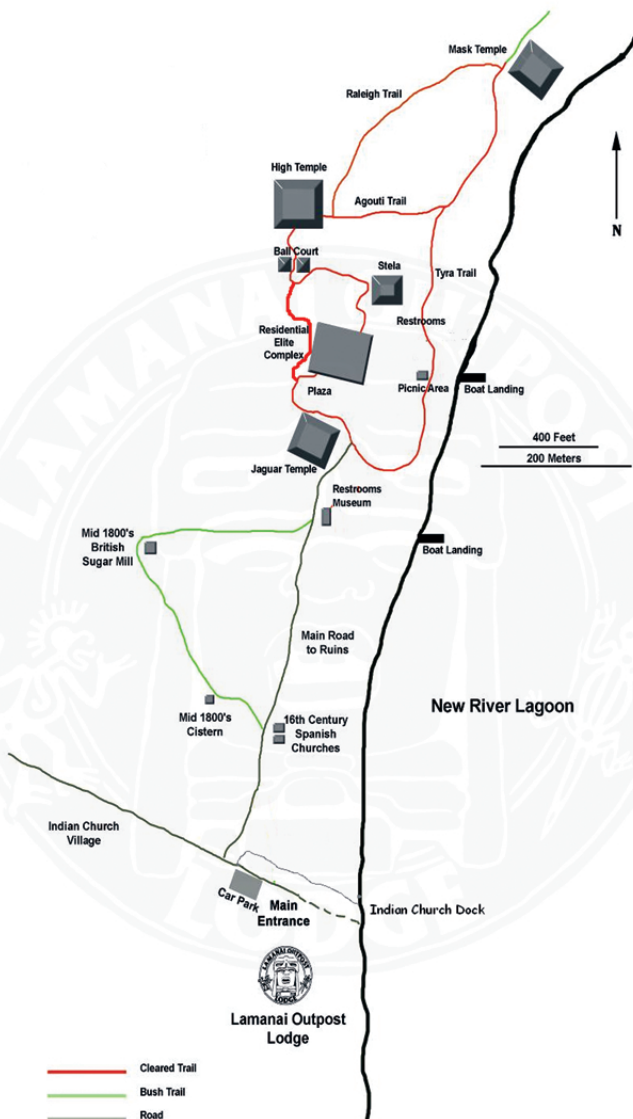




LAMANAI MAYA RUINS TRAIL GUIDE



MASK TEMPLE

- Construction began around 200 BC, up until 1450 AD
- Used for possible pilgrimages; ritual smashing of Mayapan style censers
- Mask dates to early Classic, ca. AD 500
- Headdress of Mask is a crocodile signifying its importance to the site
- Only 2 tombs found at Lamanai and found here; date to ca. AD 500

HIGH TEMPLE

- Initially constructed in 100BC
- Final modifications made in 600 AD
- Used for residential then ceremonial purposes
- Cache found contained 1,024 cores and 7,503 blades and flakes weighing ca. 16 kilos

BALL COURT

- Late 800's to 900's AD
- May have been 2 ball courts
- Beneath the largest known ball court marker was an offering containing lidded miniature pots plus other items resting in a pool of liquid mercury

HAROLD

- Used in the 1100's and later
- Stela 9 depicts Lord Smoking Shell; erected 600-700 AD
- Cache found contained shell beads, chips of chert and obsidian, one large chert blade and skeletons of 5 or more children, ages 2-8 yrs
— probably sacrifice

RESIDENTIAL AREA

- Site of elite residential area from 900's through 1200's - AD
- Courtyard filled in with huge boulders
- Many mid-post classic caches and burials set in platform
- New artifacts include metal, copper tweezers

JAGUAR TEMPLE & PLAZA

- Initially constructed during 1500's
- Used up until the 1400's or later
- Focus on ceremonial activity

SPANISH CHURCHES

- Church 1 built ca. 1540's or so
- Second church constructed late 1560's or so ; Burnt down by Maya by