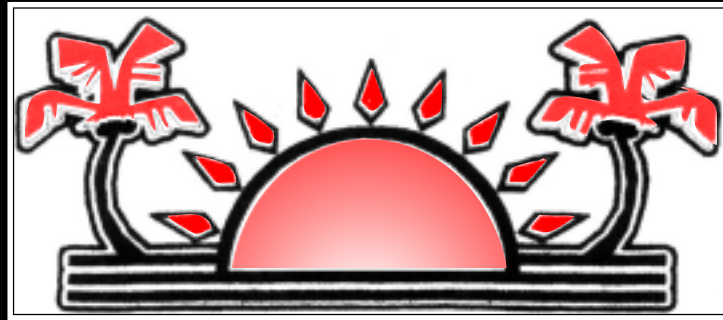
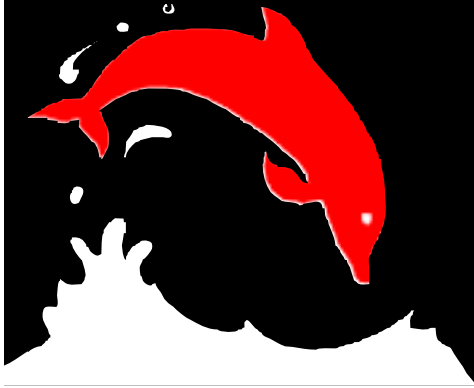


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# Bacalar Chico Marine Reserve and Park - *Unspoiled, untouched, pure*



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Compared with other reserves in Belize, the terrestrial and marine reserve of Bacalar Chico has only just begun a legacy of conservation. The park officially opened August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1996, after village leaders in Sarteneja began lobbying for a reserve in an area accessible to them and a site visit by New York Zoological Society and ITCF in 1991 established the conservation value of the area.

Bacalar Chico now comprises a 15,000-acre marine reserve and 12,000 acres



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*Bacalar Chico is the home of Rocky and Robles Points, the only place on the mainland where the Barrier Reef touches the coastline.*

of terrestrial reserve and has been named a World Heritage Site by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). It sits at the northern tip of Ambergris Caye overlooking the Bay of Chetumal and Mexico.

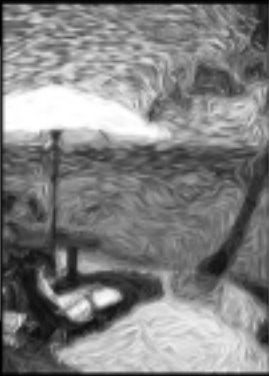
Bacalar Chico covers 130 kilometers squared of pristine Belize Barrier Reef and Rocky and Robles Points – the only place on the mainland where the Barrier Reef touches the coastline. The beach front of the reef, including extensive mangrove lagoons, serves as the principal Belizean nesting area for Loggerhead and Green Turtles, breeding grounds for marine and coastal birds, and an indispensable nursery for many reef fish. The Bacalar Chico channel functions as the park's northern boundary and narrowly separates Belize from Mexico.

Bacalar Chico sits upon the limestone remains of coral reefs that once thrived in the area during times of higher sea level. Throughout the area, remnants of this reef foundation stick out, most notably at Rocky Point, where the old reef crest and back reef are exposed.

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The Jaguar, one of Belize's five cat populations, resides at Bacalar Chico.

Aside from an abundance of wildlife, numerous Mayan sites lie within the area. During the height of the Mayan culture, the area served as an indispensable trans-shipment point. Merchants would paddle down from the heavily populated river valley cities inland en route to the sea beyond. Upon reaching the coast, people and goods would transfer to larger boats more seaworthy for the long trips ahead. An ancient sea wall clearly visible beneath the surface at the site of San Juan near the northwest corner of Ambergris Caye takes visitors back to a time when the beach bustled with activity. Thousands of pottery shards still litter the beach. Mayans dug out and cleared the area now known as the Bacalar Chico channel to avoid the long journey around the southern tip of the caye. The Belize Fisheries Department's ranger station is located amidst the ruins of Chac-balam, another important Maya trading center fifteen hundred years ago.

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## Boa Constrictor

Boa is the name of a group of snakes that vary greatly in size. The most common Boa is the Boa Constrictor. It inhabits American tropical regions from Mexico to Argentina. Two species, the rubber boas and rosy boas, live in the United States. The boa constrictor is a large, solitary snake that lives in rainforests, savannas, and semi-arid areas. It is a non-poisonous tropical snake belonging to a specialized group of reptiles — the first vertebrate class completely independent of water. It belongs to the same family as the python and anaconda and its life span is about 25 to 30 years. Known as “wowla” in Belize, they are found countrywide as well as on some of the offshore cayes. They will easily inhabit populated areas where rodents and songbirds are abundant. All species of Boas are either endangered or protected.

The Boa Constrictor’s preferred habitat is rainforest, but it is also found in semi-arid savannah. Because its range covers such a large area, the Boa Constrictor varies considerably in color, marking, and size. They have coloration that camouflages them along with varying patterns of cream, brown, tan, gray or black ovals or diamonds. Their scaly skin glistens but is dry to the touch and their forked tongue senses odors. They have heat sensors under their upper lip that helps to locate warm-blooded prey and they have very large, curved teeth for grasping prey before constricting. Like all snakes, Boa Constrictors are cold-blooded; which means they are the same temperature as the environment. They continue to grow all their lives, getting bigger and bigger each year. Adult Boa Constrictors average about 6 to 10 feet long and weigh over 60 pounds. The largest Boa Constrictor ever found was 18.5 feet long. The Boa Constrictor is the largest snake in Belize, attaining a length of up to twelve feet. Boas live on the ground, in trees, or occasionally in underground burrows. In warmer areas, the boa constrictor is active throughout the year. However, in the cooler climates it may spend long periods of time inactive.

Boas are carnivores (meat-eaters) and mainly hunt at night. They primarily feed on birds, small mammals like monkeys, peccaries, and rodents and some reptiles including iguanas, young crocodilians and lizards. The Boa is a good swimmer and spends a lot of time near and in rivers. It waits for any prey which may come near the water to drink and will lie still, attacking animals that pass by. The Boa kills its prey by constriction. Once it catches its victim, the snake wraps its body around the prey in coils, tightening its grip each time the victim breathes out. Eventually no longer able to breathe, the prey dies by suffocation or sometimes they drown the prey. The prey is swallowed whole and is digested with very strong acids in the snake’s stomach. The Boa can swallow animals much larger than their heads because the bones of their jaws, throat, and body can stretch apart. Since the boa is cold-blooded and slow moving, it does not require a great amount of food. After eating large



Boas are beautifully camouflaged to mimic their natural surroundings, allowing them to get close to their prey before a surprise attack.

prey, such as a wild pig, the snake will not eat for a week or longer. Like other snakes, Boa Constrictors may live for many months without eating at all.

The Boa Constrictor has appendages resembling claws on each side of its genital opening. They are the remnants of the hind limbs inherited from the boa’s lizard-like ancestors. The appendages are generally larger in males than females and are thought to be used by the male to stimulate the female to mate. After fertilization, the eggs remain in the female’s body, where they develop over several months inside thin membranes. Unlike its close relative, the python, the boa constrictor gives birth to live, fully formed young. The

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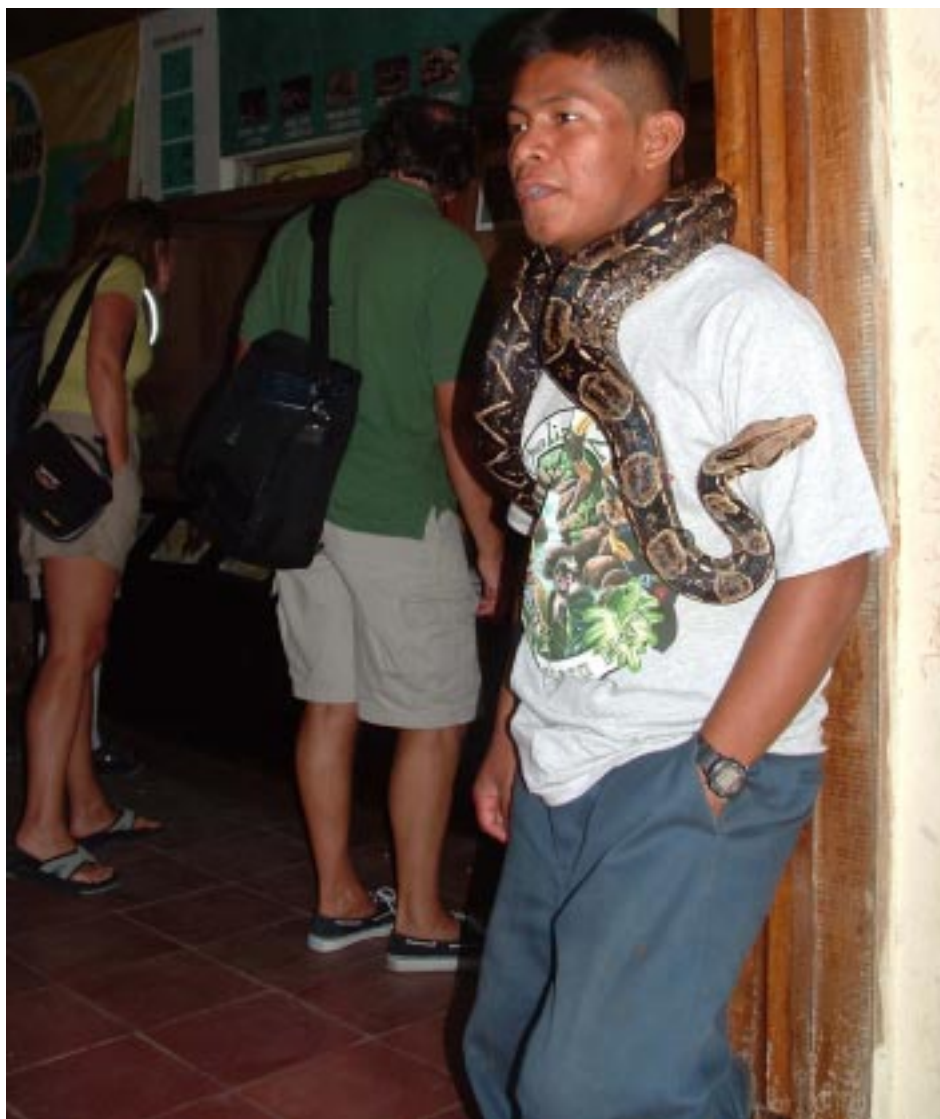
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babies can be up to two feet long at birth and a large female may give birth to as many as sixty young at one time. The young Boa Constrictor begins feeding within a week or two after its birth and grows quickly, usually reaching a yard in length after several months. It is sexually mature at 2-3 years when it reaches 6-10 feet.

Boas will roll into a ball to protect themselves when frightened or threatened. They defend themselves as other snakes' do, by striking—that is, by throwing their heads and the front part of their bodies at the enemy. Their teeth can make serious wounds because they point inward. When threatened, a boa will hiss and strike. Although carrying no poison, a bite can be painful. Like many other large snakes, they are killed for their skins, which are highly prized in the leather trade. These

snakes are not farmed for their skins, and collecting them from the wild has caused population declines. Boas are also consumed by indigenous people and collected for the pet trade. They have long been popular as pets because of their large size and relatively calm demeanor. The boa constrictor is nominally protected by the Appendices to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), with the intention of controlling international trade.

Man is the adult boa constrictors only enemy, with the biggest threat being the ever-increasing human populations and the loss of prime habitat. Young Boa Constrictors are preyed upon by a large variety of forest-dwelling animals such as coatis, hawks, caimans, and wild pigs. In many parts of its range, the Boa Constrictor is considered a pest and is



If you would like to get up-close and personal with a Boa Constrictor you can visit this one at the Belize Zoo!

killed by farmers because it kills their chickens. It is believed that the snake kills other types of livestock as well. Boas are very important in controlling rodent populations which, when in ex-

cess, can have a seriously negative impact on the environment. In some parts of South America Boas are kept as house-snakes where they help by controlling rodent infestation.

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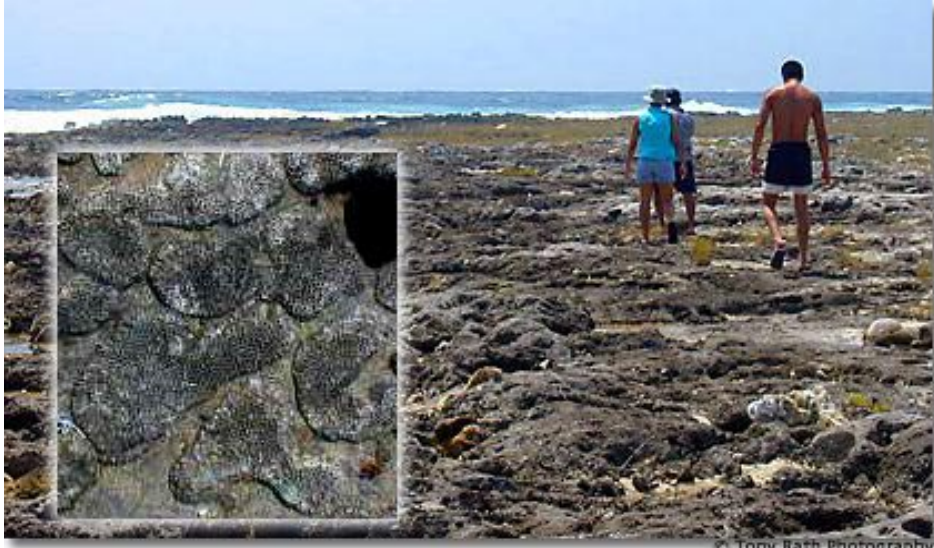
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Rocky Point (inset – ancient reef skeletons)



During the height of the Mayan culture, merchants would paddle down from the heavily populated river valley cities inland en route to the sea beyond.



Bacalar Chico serves as the principal Belizean nesting area for Loggerhead and Green Turtles.

As one of Belize's newest preserves, the park is accessible only by sea from points on Ambergris Caye, Sarteneja and elsewhere on the mainland off the Bay of Chetumal. The Mexican port town of X'calak, only about twenty-five minutes away by boat, can also quickly transport visitors. Explore the diverse underworld as well on a dive. Tours to Bacalar Chico can be arranged through local tour guides. Dress lightly; wear a bathing suit, repellent and/or sunscreen, comfortable shoes or sandals, sunglasses and a hat.

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**Peanut Butter!** Whether your peanut butter preference is crunchy, creamy, all-natural, or extra smooth, you'll love the tasty and unexpected flavor combinations in these recipes.

### Chocolate-Peanut Bars



#### Ingredients

1 cup butter or margarine, softened,  
1 cup crunchy peanut butter  
1 (16-ounce) box powdered sugar,  
1/2 cup whipping cream  
1 1/2 cups vanilla wafers, crushed  
(about 45 cookies)  
1 (12-ounce) package semisweet  
chocolate morsels

#### Preparation

Beat butter and peanut butter at medium speed with an electric mixer until blended. Add powdered sugar and vanilla wafer crumbs; beat until blended. Press mixture evenly into a lightly greased 13- x 9-inch baking pan lined with wax paper.

Stir together chocolate morsels and whipping cream in a medium saucepan over low heat until melted and smooth. Spread evenly on top of peanut butter mixture. Chill 1 hour or until firm.

Remove from refrigerator, and let stand at room temperature 10 minutes or until slightly softened. Cut into 48 bars.

### Peanut-Noodle Salad

#### Ingredients

2 large cucumbers  
1 cup soy sauce  
1/2 cup coconut milk  
1/2 cup rice wine vinegar  
1/2 cup chunky peanut butter  
4 garlic cloves, minced  
1 teaspoon sesame oil  
1 teaspoon dried crushed red pepper  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 (16-ounce) package soba noodles or angel hair pasta, cooked  
8 ounces shredded fresh carrot

6 green onions, cut diagonally into 1 1/2-inch pieces



#### Preparation

Peel cucumbers; cut in half lengthwise, removing and discarding seeds. Cut cucumber halves into half-moon-shaped slices.

Whisk together soy sauce and next 7 ingredients in a large bowl; add cucumber, pasta, carrot, and onions, tossing to coat. Cover and chill 8 hours, if desired.

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## SuDoku Answers

Check out the puzzle on Page 4!

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6	1	3	8	5	7	9	2	4
4	7	2	1	9	3	5	6	8
8	2	5	3	7	1	4	9	6
3	6	9	2	8	4	1	7	5
7	4	1	9	6	5	3	8	2
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"Hey, Dennis. I see you're still here."

"Alejandro, is that you?" I asked. "I haven't seen you in so long I barely recognized you."

"I been living in San Ignacio and I just move back to the island," he told me. "I still got that little farm and I been growing potatoes until last month."

"Potatoes? Why potatoes?"

"They easy to grow," he said. "And besides, the government protects Belize potatoes. They don't let anybody import potatoes until all of the ones grown in Belize are sold."

"Alejandro, are you the reason I've been getting those little dirty, mealy, bug-filled potatoes? Those potatoes are bad."

"Sure," he said. "It doesn't matter how bad they are. Until they sold the government don't let anymore into the country."

"Why did you quit farming if it's so good?"

"Well, I kind of like the way the government operates so I decided I would come out here and get a government job. I start work Monday."

"And they just gave you a job just like that?"

"Yes."

"What are you qualified to do for the government?" I asked.

"Nothing," Alejandro said. "All I know is potato farming."

"Did you have to take a test or anything?"

"No. I had to go for a interview. They asked me the same thing you did. They wanted to know what I was qualified to do. I told them I wasn't qualified to do anything."

"And they still hired you?"

"Yeah. The man say I'm just right for the job because he don't even have to train me."

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\*Rats multiply so quickly that in 18 months, two rats could have over a million descendants.

\*Wearing headphones for just an hour will increase the bacteria in your Ear by 700 times.

\*If the government has no knowledge of aliens, then why does Title 14, Section 1211 of the Code of Federal Regulations, implemented on July 16th, 1969, make it illegal for U.S. citizens to have any contact with extraterrestrials or their vehicles?

\*A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.

\*23% of all photocopier faults world-wide are caused by people sitting on them and photocopying their butts.

\*Chalk is made from tiny plankton fossils.

\*"Yakka" means "hard work" in Australian slang.

\*Rock star Billy Idol was christened William Broad.



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