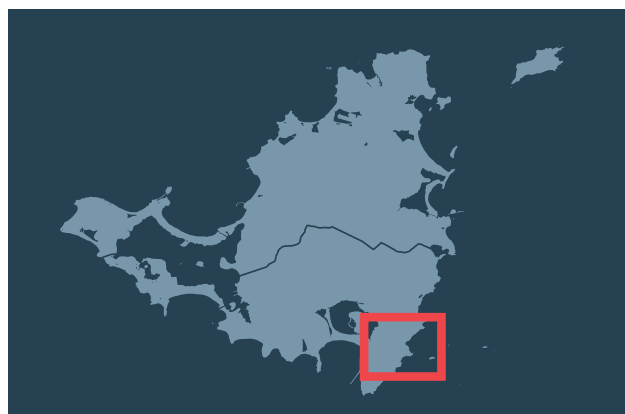


# NATURAL POOL TRAIL

Guana Bay to Point Blanche



Occasionally wild Red-Footed Tortoises and introduced Green or Vervet monkeys can also be seen in this area. You will see many Turk's Head Cacti, a short round cactus with a red bristly cap on its top, looking like a fez hat. The cacti, also known as the Pope's Head Cacti, can be found clinging to rocks as well as among the dry scrub. The tiny red fruits are edible.

## POINTS OF INTEREST

This coastal trail is punctuated by dramatic cliffs and open grasslands. You will likely see many iguanas along the way and some say that is how Guana Bay got its name. The trail passes the largest natural pool in Sint Maarten, which can be reached by scrambling down a rocky cliff area. It's worth a swim but don't forget swim shoes as there are plenty of sharp sea urchins. The rocky shoreline is a rich source of food for birds such as the strong-billed American Oystercatcher (known locally as the Whelk Cracker) and crabs, including the colorful, algae-eating Sally Lightfoot Crab.



### STARTING POINT

The end of Guana Bay Road at the coastline



### DISTANCE ONE WAY

2.6 km



### DIFFICULTY

Moderate



### ESTIMATED TIME

Roundtrip 2 hours



### POINTS OF INTEREST

The natural pool and panoramic views of nearby islands