

Red Rock Ridge

Coordinates:
68° 20.9208' S, 067° 05.8890' W
(landing site)

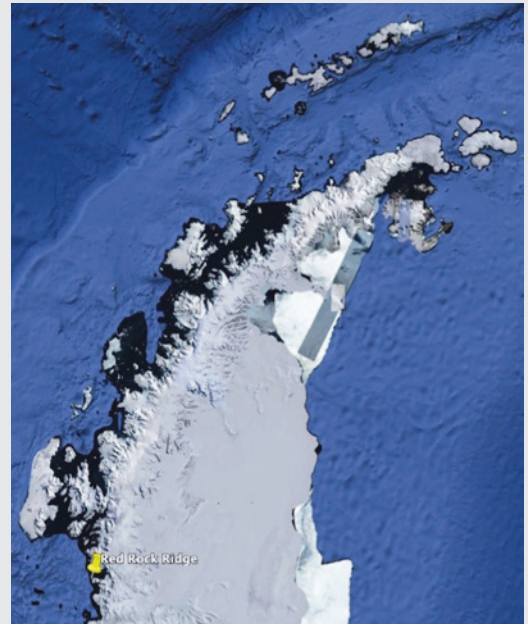
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visitor site guide



Key Features

- Adelie penguin colony
- Continental landing
- Dramatic landscape



Description

TOPOGRAPHY

Red Rock Ridge is a large promontory that forms a point between Rymill Bay and Neny Fjord in Marguerite Bay.

The main landing site is on the south side. The landing is rocky and can cause uneven footing at low tide. Due to reefs, there is grounded ice at the landing site.

Remains from BAS campsite amongst Adelie penguin colony.

FAUNA

Confirmed breeders: Antarctic shag (*Stercorarius antarcticus*), brown skua (*Stercorarius antarcticus*) and adelie penguin (*Pygoscelis adeliae*).

Also present in small numbers: fur seals (*Arctocephalus gazella*), weddell seal (*Leptonychotes weddellii*), leopard seal (*Hydrurga leptonyx*).

FLORA

Unknown.



Visitor Impact

KNOWN IMPACTS

None.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS

Approach to landing site potentially comes close to nesting Antarctic shags.

Landing Requirements

SHIPS

Maximum 3 ships per day (midnight to midnight), one of which can be Category 2.

Max pax on board: 500.

VISITOR NUMBERS

Visitors per guide: 20

Comments: One ship at a time. No more than 100 visitors ashore at any time, exclusive of expedition guides and leaders.

Visitor Area

LANDING AREA

Care should be taken on the approach to the landing site as there is grounded ice due to reefs.

Challenging snow banks likely at landing in early season.

Potential for rock falls near landing, and steep snow slopes near shore.

There is only one route to the penguin colony due to terrain. The colony is approximately 1km from the landing.

CLOSED AREA

None.

GUIDED WALKING AREA

Guided walks as needed, following on marked path.

FREE ROAMING AREA

Free roaming is possible along marked route, and under close supervision.



Visitor code of conduct

BEHAVIOUR ASHORE

Beware of potential for rock falls near landing, and steep slopes leading towards the sea on the route to the colony.

Avoid blocking penguin highways/access points when approaching or observing penguin colony.

