41. Georges Point, Rongé Island

64º40´00´´S, 62º40´00´´W
Northern tip of Rongé Island off of the West coast of the Antarctic Peninsula

Key Features
- Gentoo penguins, with chinstraps also present
- Glacial and ice scenery

Description

TOPOGRAPHY
Small rocky beach on the northern tip of Rongé Island off the West coast of the Antarctic Peninsula. Rocky and snow covered path up to viewing spot.

FAUNA
Hauled out: Antarctic fur seal.

FLORA
Lichen and moss are present.

OTHER
Scientific equipment is present in this site.

Visitor Impact

KNOWN IMPACTS
None identified.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS
Disturbance of wildlife. Disturbance of scientific equipment.

Landing Requirements

SHIPS*
Max pax on board: 500
Ships per day: 3
Comments: 1 ship with Max pax on board: 500. 2 ships with Max pax on board: 200.
* A ship is defined as a vessel which carries more than 12 passengers.

VISITORS
Maximum number of visitors at any time, exclusive of expedition guides and leaders: 100
Visitors per guide: 20
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LANDING AREA
Rocky shoreline on the beach, avoiding penguin colony to the east of the site.

CLOSED AREA
High ground where Gentoo penguins are nesting.

GUIDED WALKING AREA
Visitors may walk between penguin concentrations and up the ridge to the hill behind rocky beach. Walk should be marked and guided with care taken of the slope at the back of the hill.

FREE ROAMING AREA
None

Visitor code of conduct

BEHAVIOUR ASHORE
- Stay clear of - and do not venture on - slopes where Gentoo penguins are nesting.
- Keep out of clear penguin highways and avoid disturbing the highways.
- Walk slowly and carefully. Maintain a precautionary distance of 5 metres from wildlife and give animals the right-of-way. Increase this distance if any change in behaviour is observed.
- Be careful near Antarctic fur seals, they may be aggressive.

CAUTIONARY NOTES
- Boat drivers should be aware of rocks on the approach to the landing area.
- Climbing beyond the hilltop is not recommended and is crevassed and dangerous. It should only be accessed by those with suitable experience and training and with suitable equipment (eg, roped access).
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Gentoo penguins at Georges Point

View from Georges Point