

41. Georges Point, Rongé Island

64°40'00" S, 62°40'00" W
Northern tip of Rongé Island off of the West coast of the Antarctic Peninsula

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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

Confirmed breeders: Antarctic tern, Brown skua, chinstrap Penguin, Gentoo penguin, Kelp gull, Snowy sheathbill, South Polar Skua, Wilson's storm-petrel.

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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Visitor Area

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).



Walk on Georges Point

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Gentoo penguins at Georges Point



View from Georges Point

