WELCOME TO THE COTOPAXI NATIONAL PARK

This protected area has been partially reopened for the enjoyment of visitors. Please bear in mind that the eruptive process which began in April 2015 is on-going. The volcano is monitored 24 hours a day, every day of the year. The alert and communications systems in place allow the authorities to ensure your safety while visiting the Park.

While visiting the Park, you may witness the following phenomena:

- Columns of water vapor and gases (with or without ash) above the volcano’s crater.
- The smell of sulphur.
- Mud flows (secondary lahars) caused by the melting of the glacier or by rainfall.
- Rumbling sounds.

We recommend you follow these guidelines

- Fill out the release form for visitors or groups. Read the safety instructions and comply with them.
- Register your entry and exit at the Park control points.
- Ensure you have a kit with you that contains: protective glasses or goggles, hat, face-mask or buff, and plenty of water.
- In the event of ash fall, cover all extremities with clothing.
- Take into account that much of the Park isn’t covered by a cellphone signal.

It’s imperative you follow the instructions of the Park’s administrative staff or rangers. Be flexible with your plans – remember that access to certain roads or areas can be restricted for your safety.

REMEMBER

The volcano is currently on yellow alert. Visits within the Park and access to it will be suspended in the event of increased volcanic activity or a change in the alert status to orange or red. At the moment, the route to the Refuge, access to the crater and the route to the Laguna de Santo Domingo are restricted.
AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES

- Hiking on permitted trails
- Biking - only on authorised routes
- Picnics
- Horseback riding

UNAUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES

- Camping
- Visits to the Refuge
- Climbing the volcano
- Exceeding the speed limit of 35 km/h
- Lighting fires
- Access in heavy vehicles

EMERGENCIES

- Call 9-1-1
- Download the mobile app (in Spanish only)

Or contact the nearest park ranger

INFORMATION

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OPENING TIMES AT THE NATIONAL PARK AND EL BOLICHE RECREATIONAL AREA:
Open: 9 AM to 2 PM
Park closes: 3 PM

Please note: Visitors who do not conform to the norms of the National Park and instructions of its staff will be subject to sanctions according to the relevant legislation.