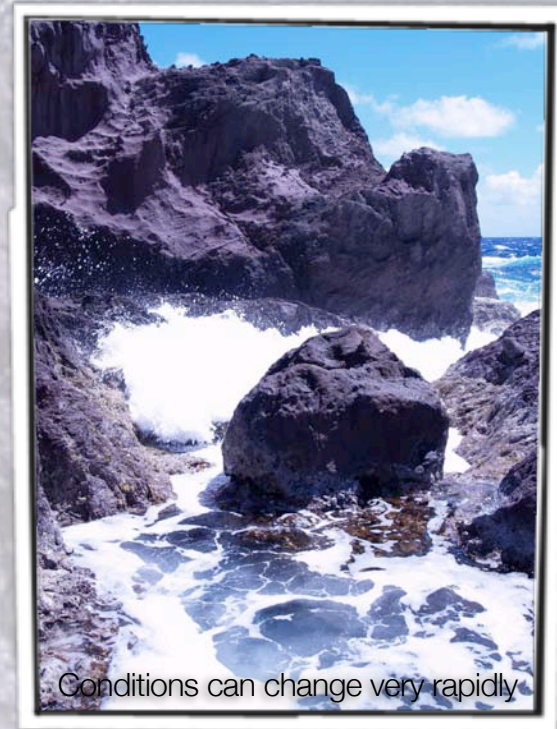
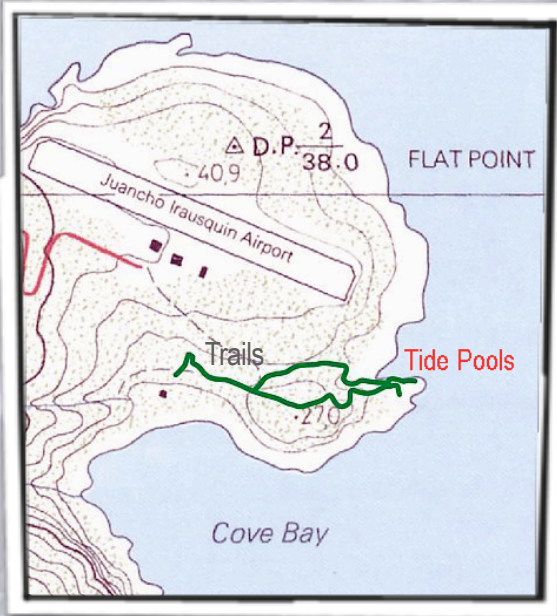


Flat Point Tide Pool Advisory



RIP CURRENT WARNING

Especially during the months from November to April, **rip currents occur in the Flat Point Tide Pools**. They can be **extremely dangerous**, dragging bathers or even bystanders away from the pools and leading to death by drowning when they hit rocks, attempt to fight the current and become exhausted.

When wind and waves push water towards the shore, that water is often forced sideways by the oncoming waves. This water streams along the shoreline until it finds an exit back to the sea. **The resulting rip current is usually narrow and located in a trench between the rock formations.**

Rip currents are stronger when the surf is rough (such as during high onshore winds, or when a strong hurricane is far offshore) or when the tide is low.

The Saba Conservation Foundation (SCF) is advising hikers to **exercise extreme caution when visiting the Tide Pools**. Wave action usually occurs in intervals up to 15 minutes, changing from very calm to rough conditions, as shown in the images. **Be vigilant and use a vantage point to observe incoming swells. Stay away in a safe distance from the surf.**

The SCF is not accepting any liability claims when visiting the pools without an officially recognized guide.

