

# Hawksbill Cay

**Hawksbill, an uninhabited cay protected by The Bahamas National Trust, has numerous soft sand beaches on both the western and eastern shores of the cay. The waters along the northern shore and in the southern cove of the cay are very shallow and are best explored on a rising tide to avoid being stranded in your dinghy. Avoid very strong tidal currents in the cuts.**

## (1) North Hawksbill Sand Bar

At low tide you can walk a magnificent soft sand bar stretching across the end of the cay.

## (2) Smugglers Cave

View from your dinghy as sharp rock edges allow only the very adventurous to enter.

## (3) Russell Ruins Beach

A rocky trail leads to the ruins of the Russell Family Plantation (1785 to 1830). A fork in the trail leads to a beach on the eastern shore.

## (4) Ruins Rock

Small coral heads near the visible rock offer a cool snorkel after a hike to the ruins.

## (5) Yacht Harbor Heads

Several convenient coral heads are located between the northern yacht mooring area and the north end of the sandy beach.

## (6) Russell Rocks Reef

Numerous coral heads are located on the south side of Russell Rocks.

## (7) "Rocker" Point Coral Heads\*

A series of coral heads, named after the last inhabitant, run along the southwest shore.

## (8) South Hawksbill Cove

This very shallow cove has a coral garden midpoint along its northern shoreline.

## (9) Pirates Cut (Slack tide only)

Coral garden located in the narrow tidal cut between SE tip of Hawksbill and the large rock.

## (10) Little Hawksbill Cut (Slack tide only)

A wide variety of corals along the shallow tidal cut north of Little Hawksbill Cay.

## (11) Eastern Shoreline

Sandy beaches and numerous coral reefs await the experienced snorkeler on a very calm day.

**\*Dinghy mooring available**

