



Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Cotonou (Benin), Personal Travel to Parc W Prohibited for Embassy Personnel

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The U.S. Embassy informs U.S. citizens in Benin that, due to safety and security concerns, official travel by U.S. Embassy employees to Parc W, the regional national park on Benin's northeastern border with Niger and Burkina Faso, will now be considered on a case by case basis. However, personal travel for all U.S. Embassy employees to Parc W is prohibited until further notice. This message supersedes the previous message sent out on December 2, 2015. U.S. citizens are advised not to travel to Parc W. For further information:

See the State Department's travel website for the Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information for Benin.

Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.

Contact the U.S. Embassy in Cotonou. The U.S. Embassy in Cotonou is located on Marina Boulevard and is open Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Friday from 8 a.m. to 1:30

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p.m. The Embassy's mailing address is 01 BP 2012, Cotonou, Benin. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, **the emergency number for the U.S. Embassy is (229) 21-30-06-50.**

Call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

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