The SCI Preserve is very remote and undeveloped, with few if any safety or communications facilities available to visitors. The SCI Preserve is an ecological reserve, used for research, academic studies, and resource management. There are a wide array of plants and animals at the SCI Preserve, some of which are not found elsewhere and may be unique in the world, so the introduction of other animals, diseases, insects, plants, etc., could be extremely detrimental to the flora and fauna at the SCI Preserve. The following rules have therefore been promulgated by TNC for the SCI Preserve:

**Prohibited Items.** The following are not allowed to be brought onto the SCI Preserve:

1. animals or pets of any kind (including, but not limited to, cats and dogs, and companion or research animals);
2. plants, seeds, cut flowers, or bulbs;
3. previously used planters or pots (whether of clay, ceramic, plastic, or other material);
4. potting soil ("soil-less" potting mix, such as Sun-Gro Sunshine Mix #4, is permitted if in original packaging with no tears or holes);
5. unprocessed wood, wood with bark, wood crates or planters;
6. cardboard boxes (clean plastic containers are permitted, as are new items in original cardboard packing boxes from manufacturer, if inspected by TNC and found to be clean of insect “hitchhikers”);
7. firearms or other weapons;
8. fireworks; or
9. mountain bikes or other vehicles of any kind (motorized or non-motorized).

**Restricted Activities:**

1. No smoking or building of fires of any type is allowed at the SCI Preserve for any reason, due to fire danger.
2. No cooking is allowed at the SCI Preserve outside of designated TNC facilities, although the consumption of previously prepared food and drinks is allowed at the SCI Preserve, provided that all trash resulting from such activity is completely removed from the SCI Preserve (and then disposed of properly elsewhere).
3. No camping is allowed anywhere at the SCI Preserve, no sleeping bags or other camping equipment is allowed to be brought to or used at the SCI Preserve, and no erection of any tents or other structures is allowed at the SCI Preserve, whether they are temporary or otherwise.
4. No collecting, trapping, killing, harming or molestation of any animals at the SCI Preserve, or any fish or other animals in any waters at or adjoining the SCI Preserve, is allowed.
5. No cutting down, injury, collection, or other disturbance of any trees or other plants or vegetation is allowed at the SCI Preserve, whether or not the plants are living or dead.
6. No souvenirs or specimens of anything found at the SCI Preserve may be collected, disturbed or taken from the SCI Preserve, nor is any digging in any Indian mounds or other architectural remains located at the SCI Preserve allowed.
7. No entry into buildings or other structures at the SCI Preserve or other interference with the activities of any tenants, researchers, or others carrying out permitted activities at the SCI Preserve is allowed.
8. No still, video, digital, or other form of photography or imaging of or in any TNC facilities is permitted at any time, whether for private or commercial use. Photography of plants, animals, and natural conditions outside of TNC facilities for personal use is permitted, but no publishing or other use of the results of such photography, or of any other data of any kind collected at or from the SCI Preserve, is allowed for commercial purposes, and all images made at or from the SCI Preserve which are used or transmitted in a manner such that they can be downloaded or obtained by others must be used or transmitted with appropriate restrictions which prohibit the commercial use of the images.
9. No item(s) brought to the SCI Preserve are allowed to be left at or adjoining the SCI Preserve, including (but not limited to) garbage or food.

Please inspect your personal gear (e.g. packs, shoes) and clean off dirt, seeds and insects before arriving on the Island.