

Spanish Creek Wildlife Sanctuary



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Nestled within the serene village of Rancho Dolores, Spanish Creek Wildlife Sanctuary is a refuge for countless species, making it a haven for biodiversity enthusiasts and nature lovers alike. Encompassing approximately 5,900 acres, this sanctuary is a living tapestry of various ecosystems, including mangroves, wetlands, and savannas. It stands as a vital habitat for a wide array of plant and animal species, from migratory birds to reptiles and mammals. Within its borders, thriving mangrove forests serve as coastal stabilizers and nurture marine life.



Spanish Creek Wildlife Sanctuary was declared a protected area in July 2002, thanks to the combined efforts of the Government of Belize, the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Program, and other partners. The village of Rancho Dolores, with a population of only 206 residents, has maintained its unspoiled beauty. The villagers led the effort to protect their creek and surrounding tropical forests, forming the Rancho Dolores Environment and Development Group to spearhead conservation initiatives. Today, this community-driven effort ensures the preservation of their natural heritage for future generations.

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For those who revel in the company of feathered friends, Spanish Creek Wildlife Sanctuary is a birdwatcher's paradise. The sanctuary hosts a colorful and majestic array of birds, making it a prime location for birdwatching. As you explore its trails, the melodious calls and vibrant plumage of these avian residents will accompany you.

